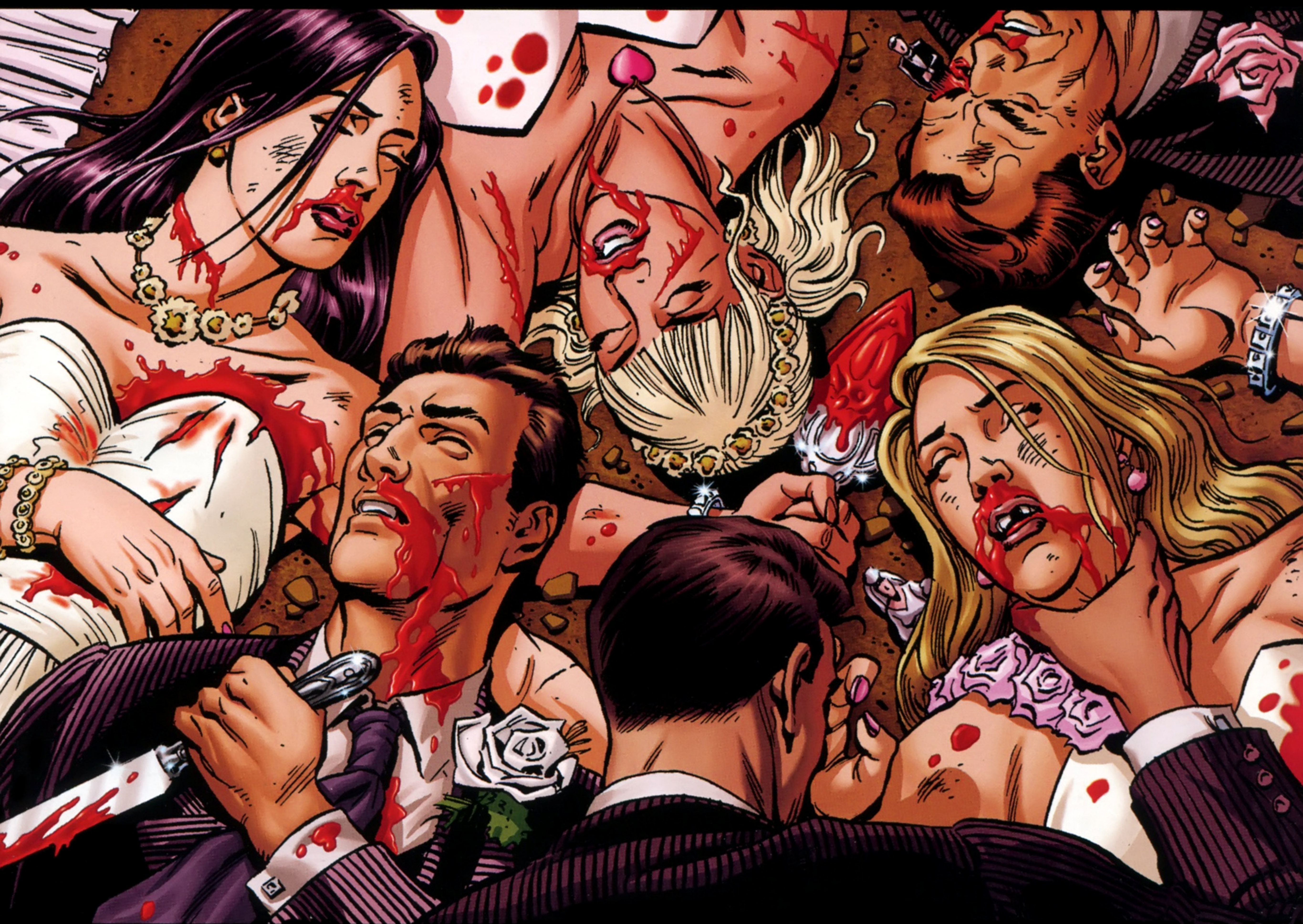
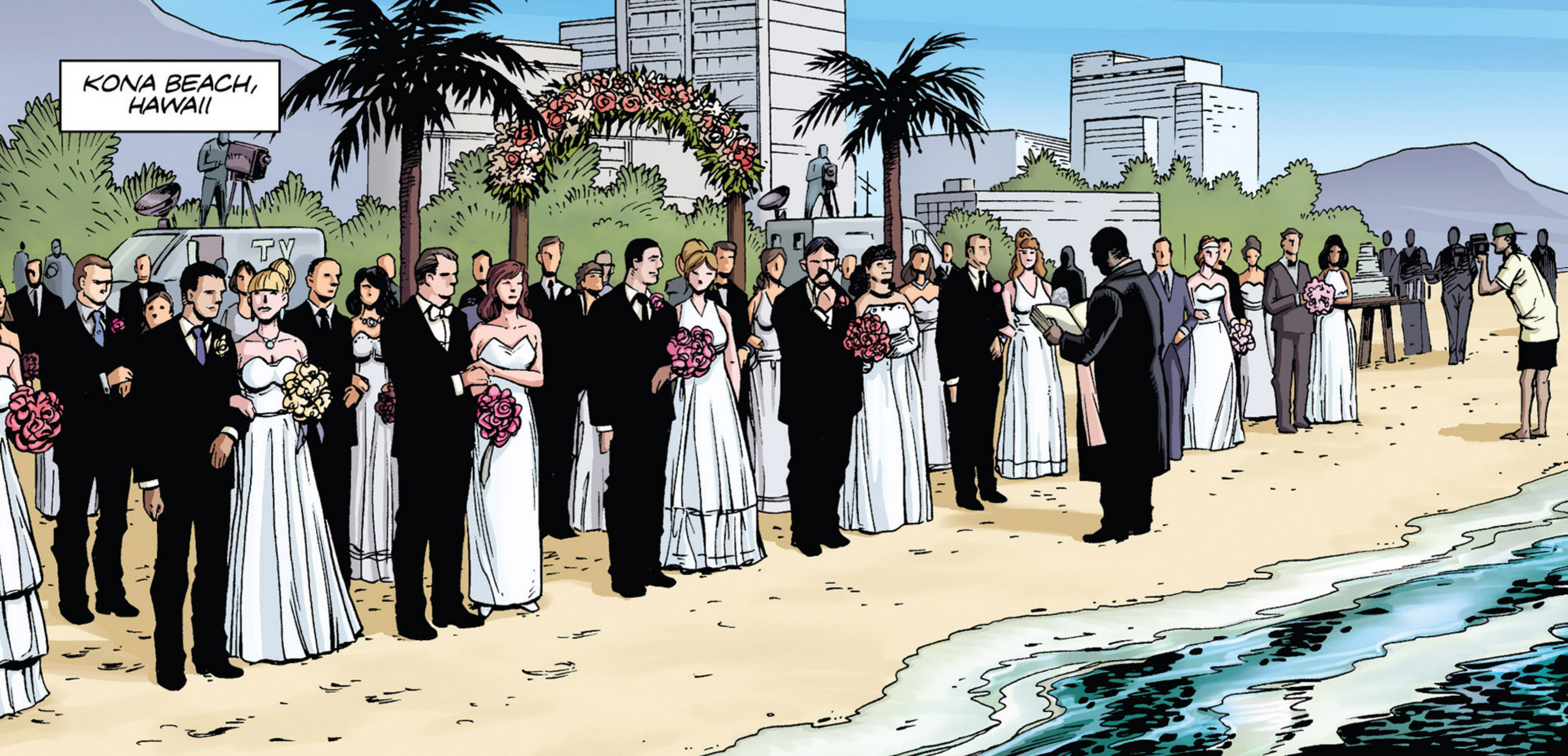


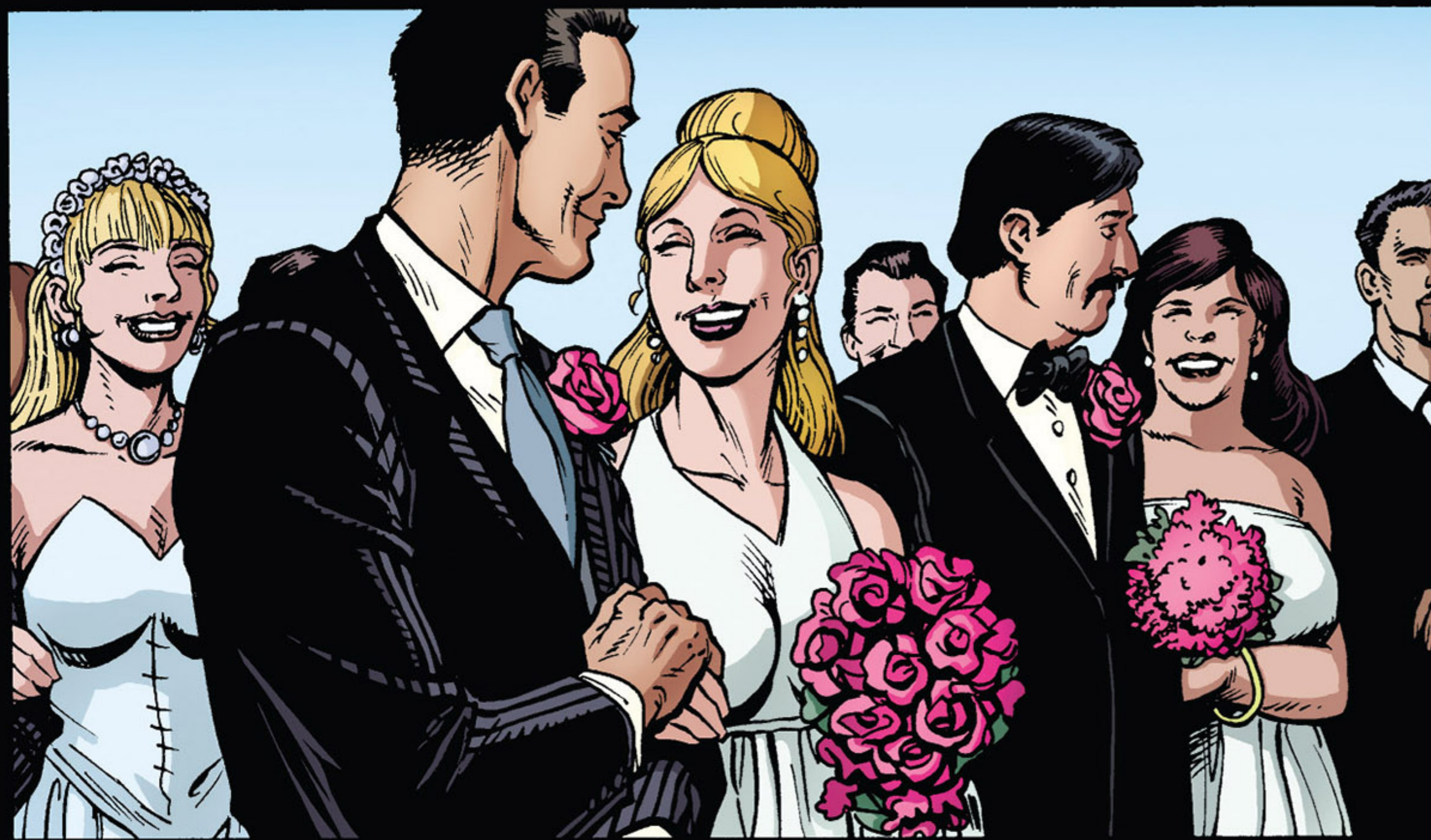
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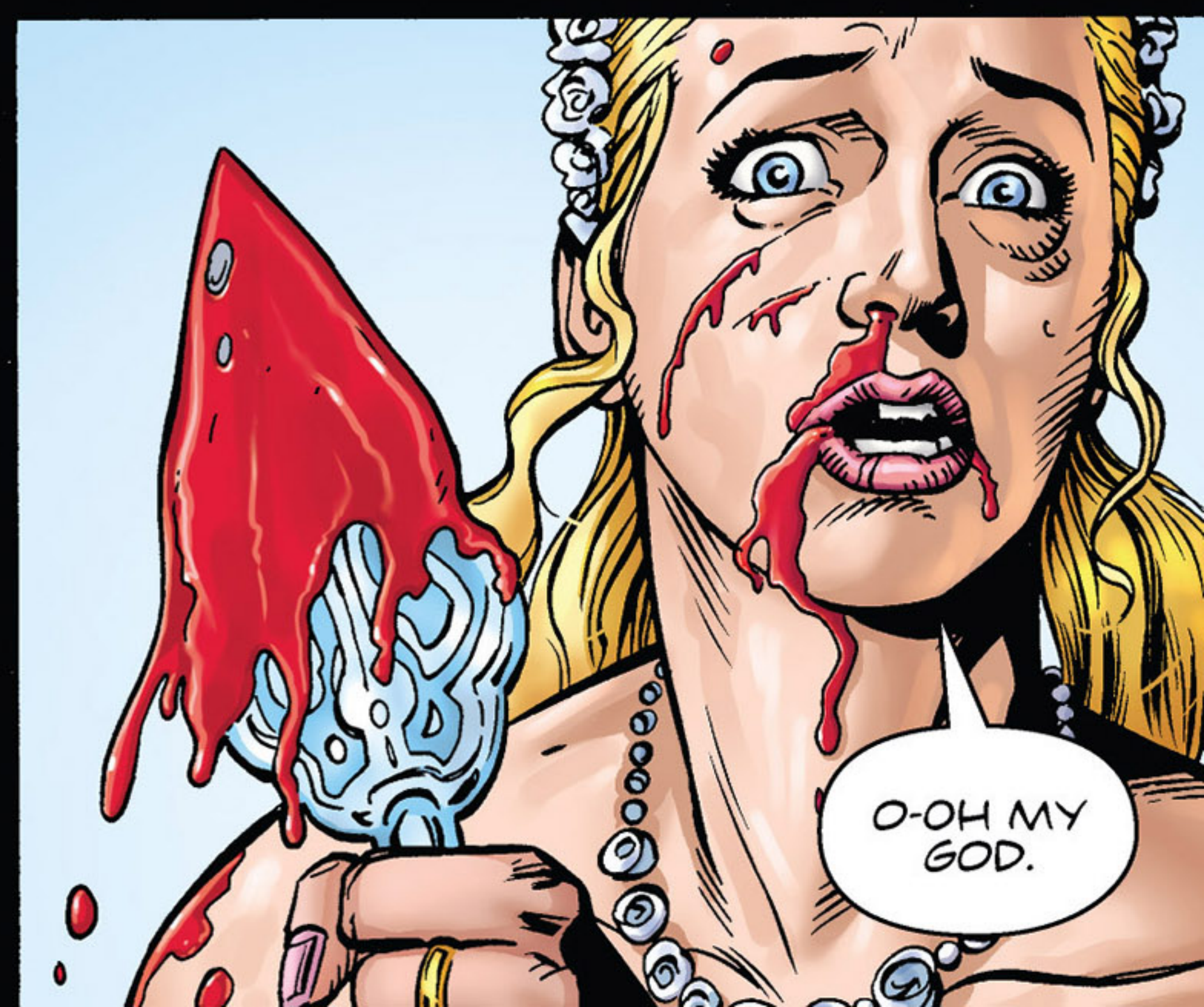
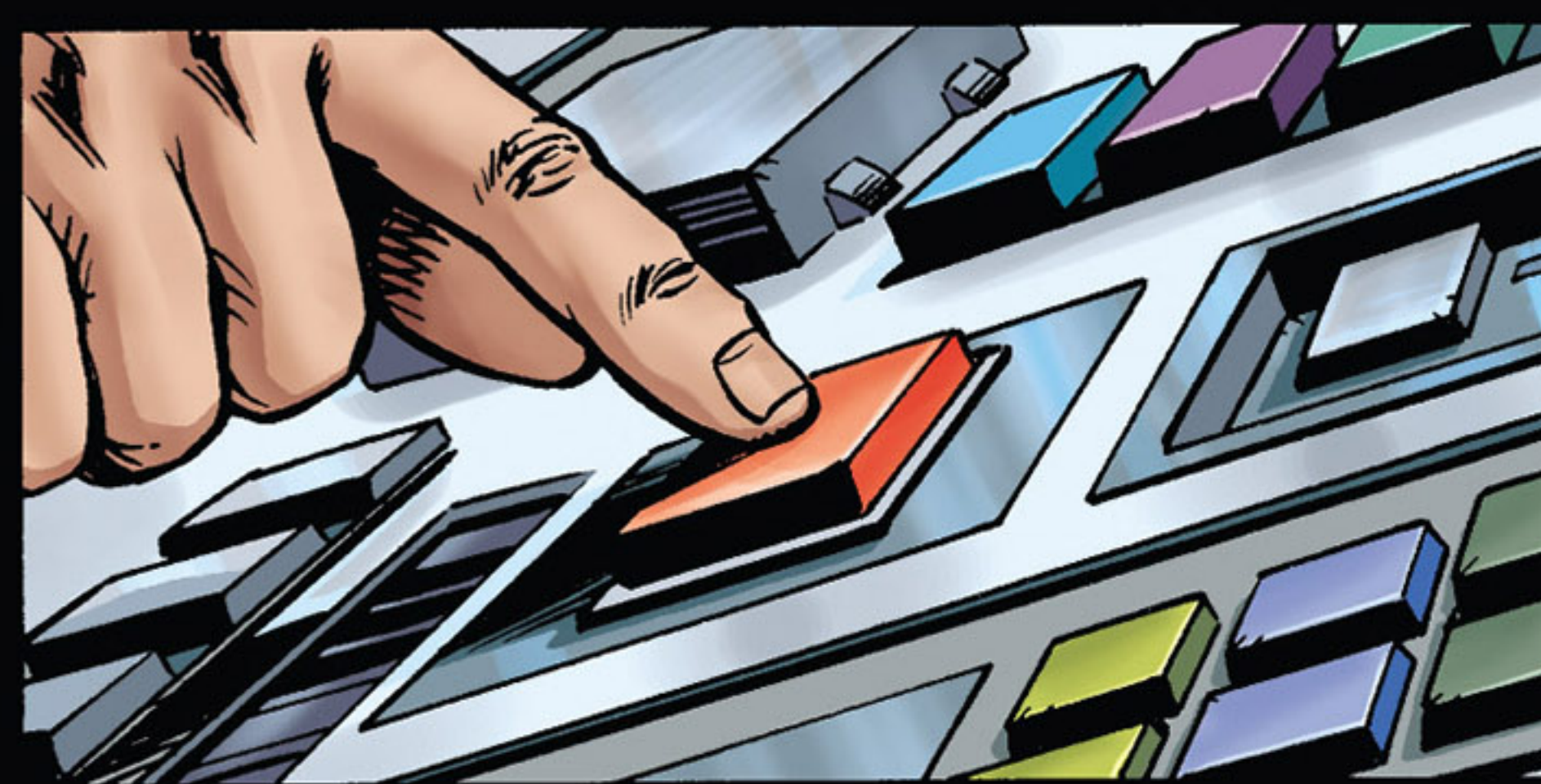
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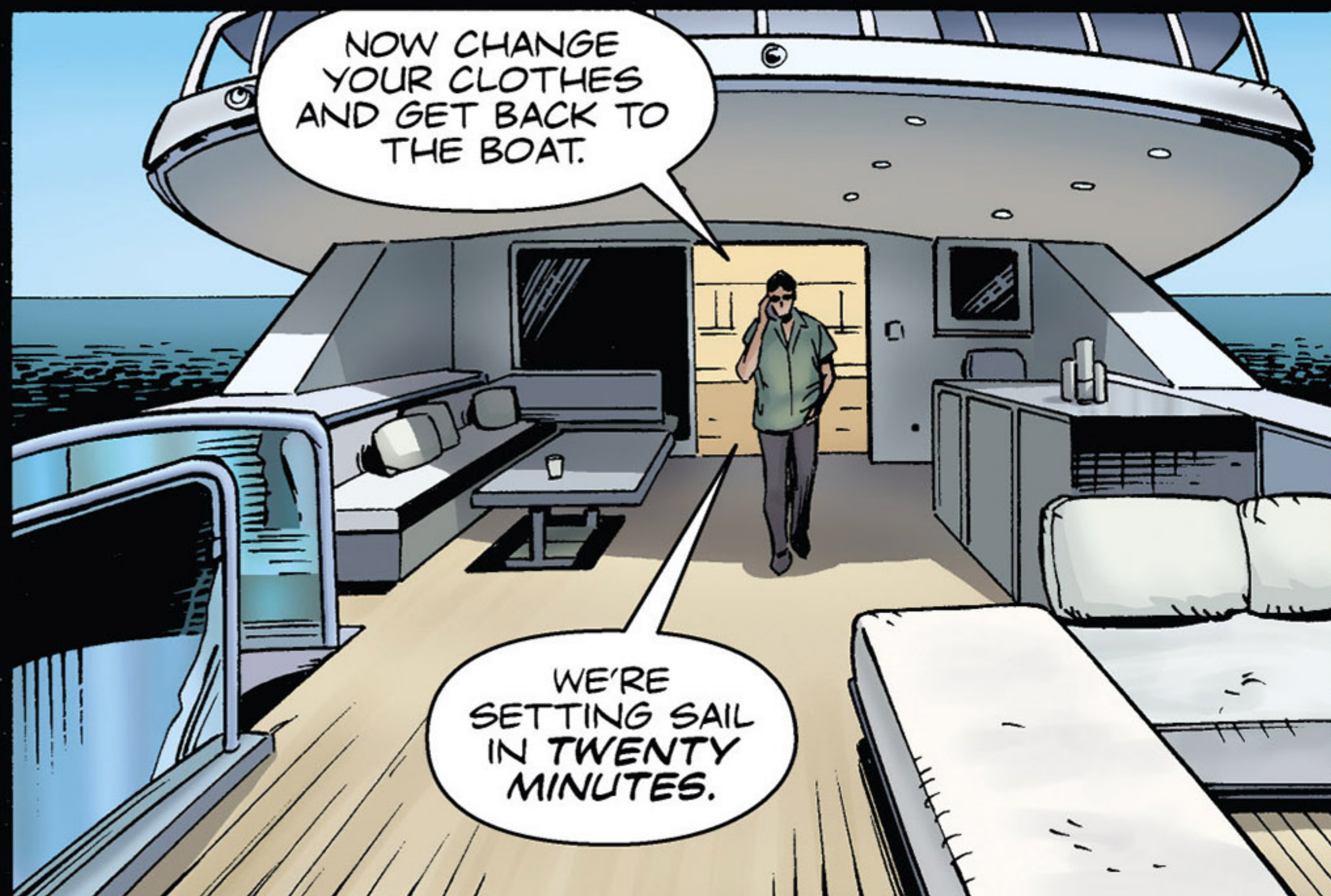
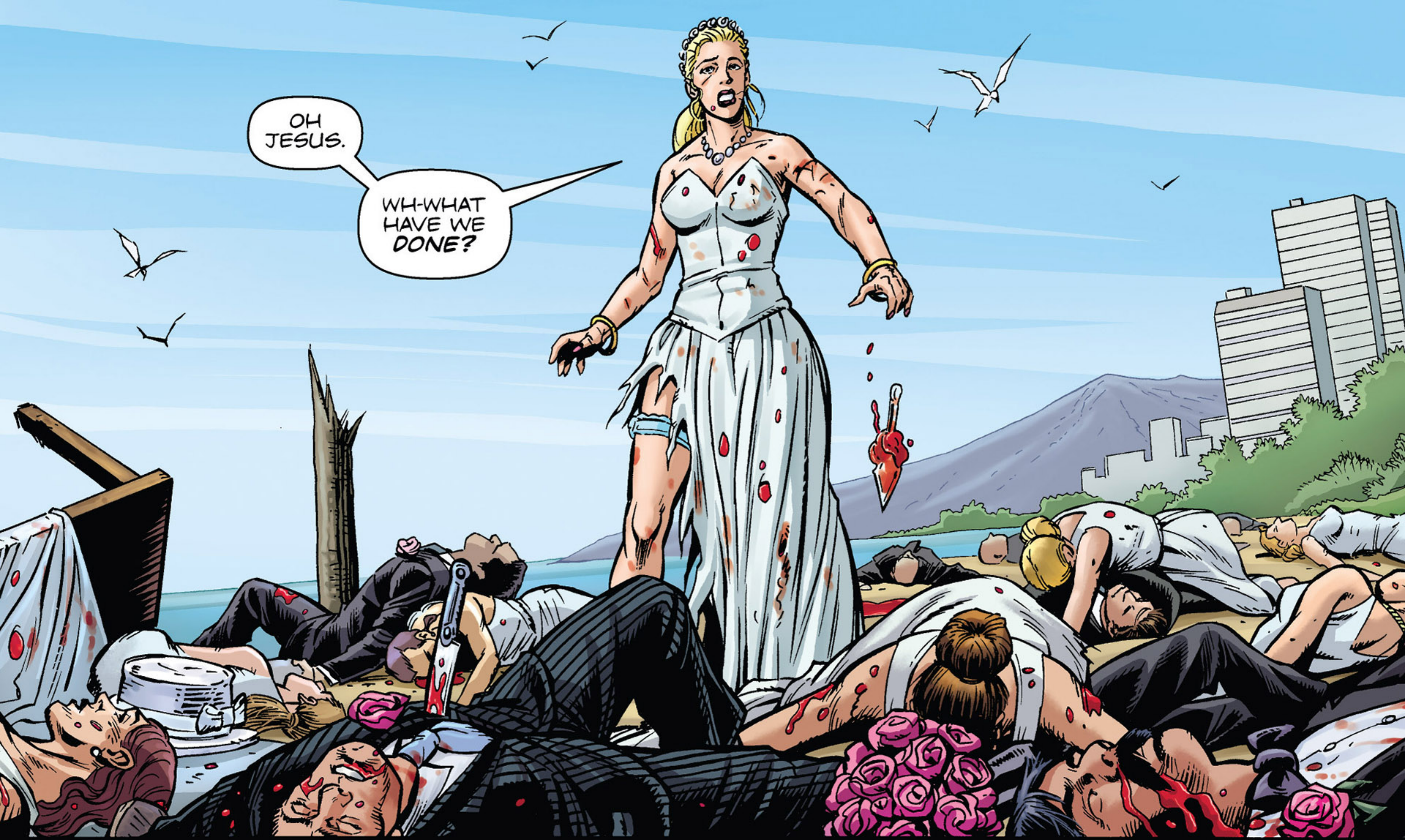


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PECKHAM,
SOUTH
LONDON.

OKAY, GARY.
I'M GOING TO
TELL YOU SOMETHING
HUGE AND YOU HAVE
TO PROMISE THAT
YOU'LL KEEP IT
TO YOURSELF.

THE DUKE OF SURREY

DUKE OF SURREY

OKAY.

I'M A **SECRET
AGENT**. A SPECIAL
OPERATIVE FOR HER
MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
AND WORKING ON BEHALF
OF THE **FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE**.

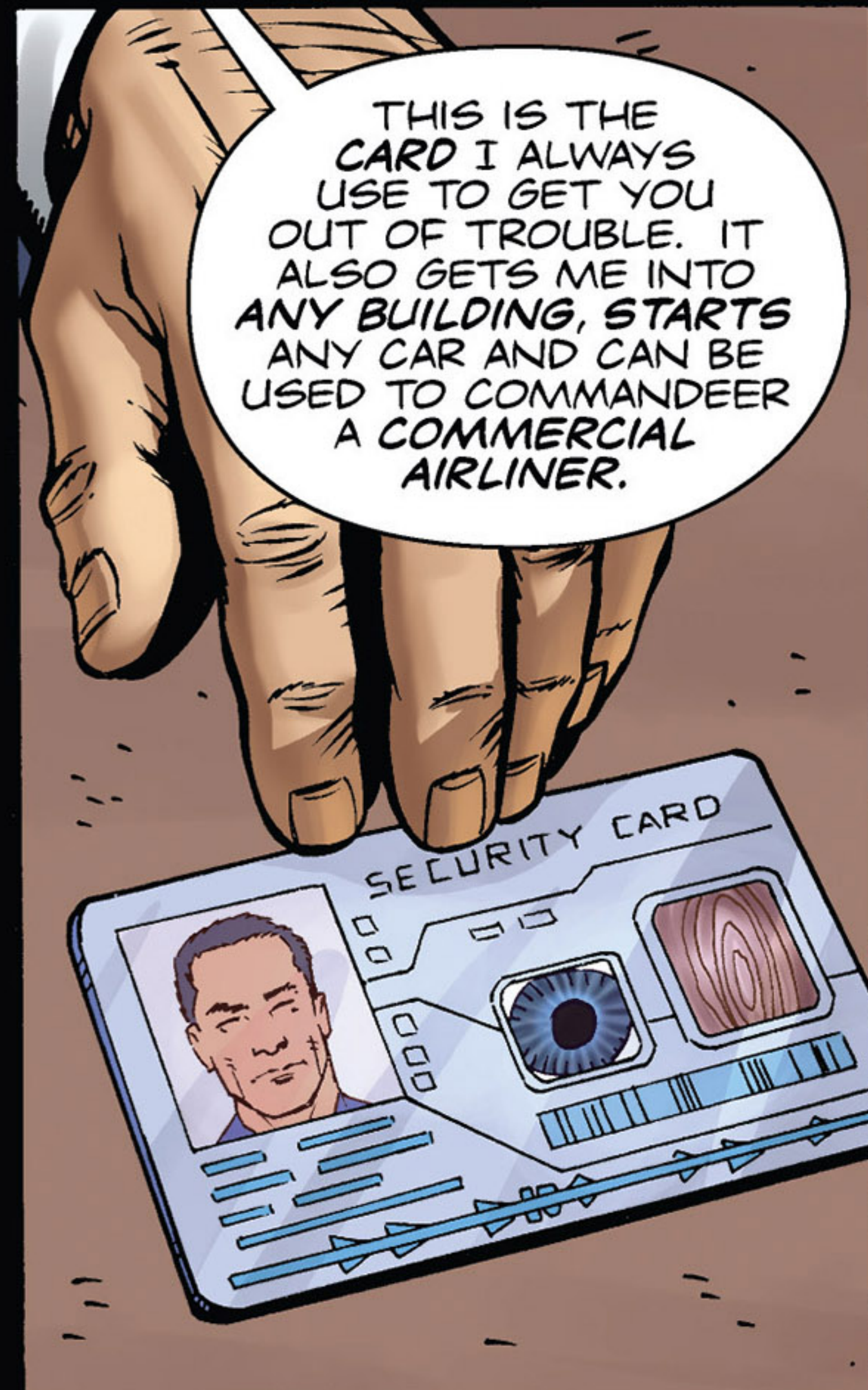
WHAT?

I SPECIALISE
IN OVERSEAS THREATS
TO UK SECURITY AND I'VE
DONE THIS JOB SINCE BEFORE
YOU WERE BORN. I'VE GOT A
LICENSE TO KILL AND HAVE
DONE SO MANY TIMES.

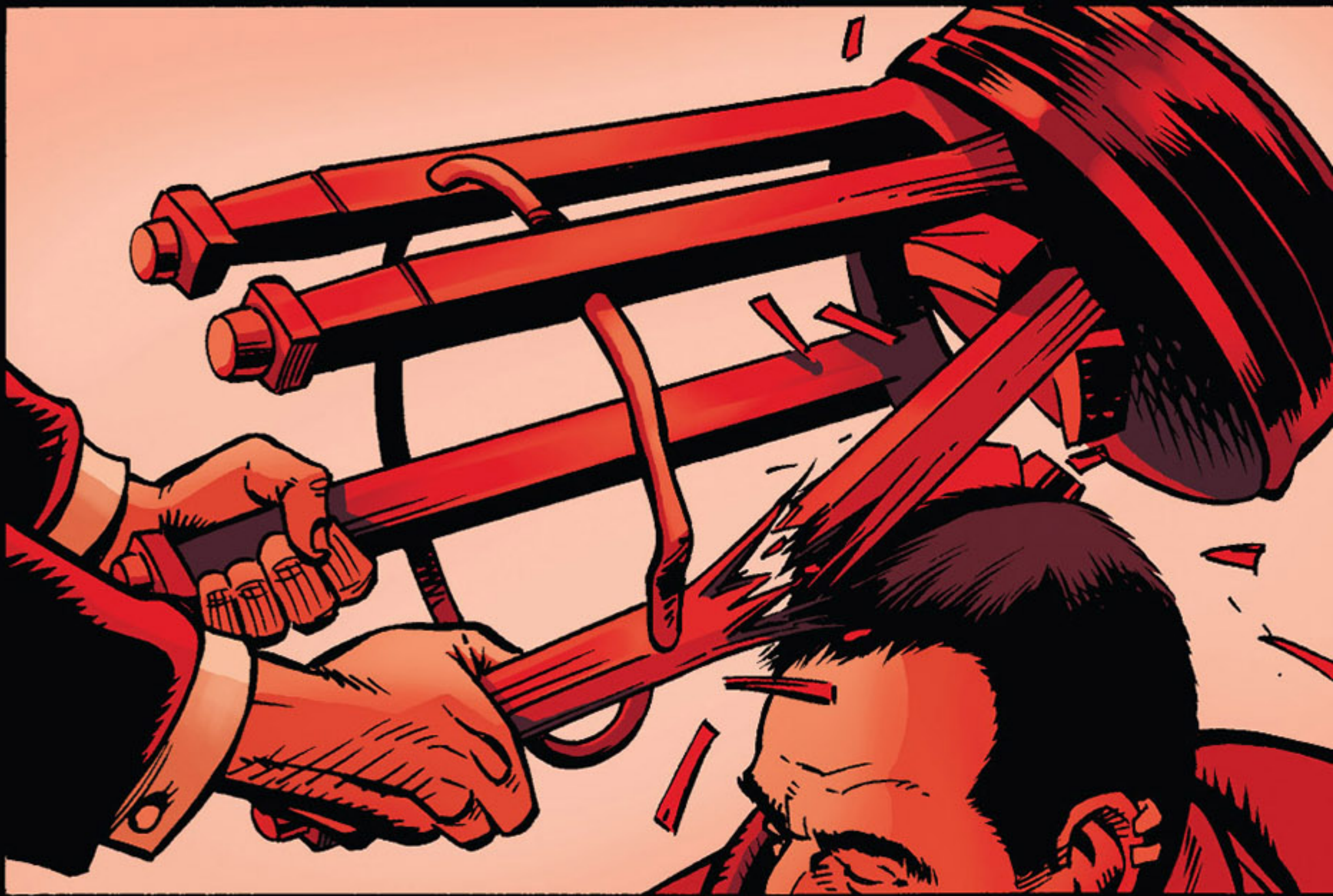
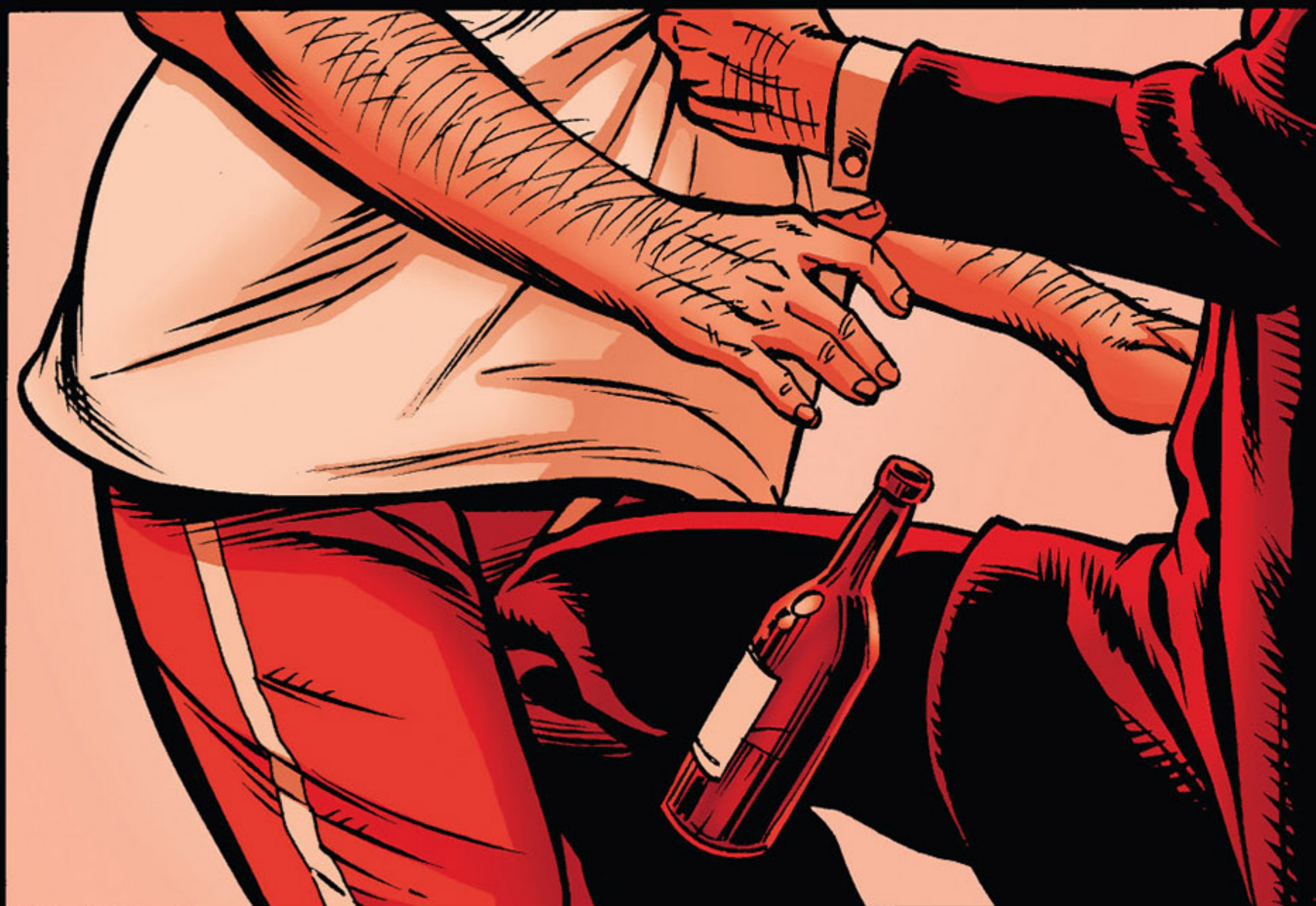
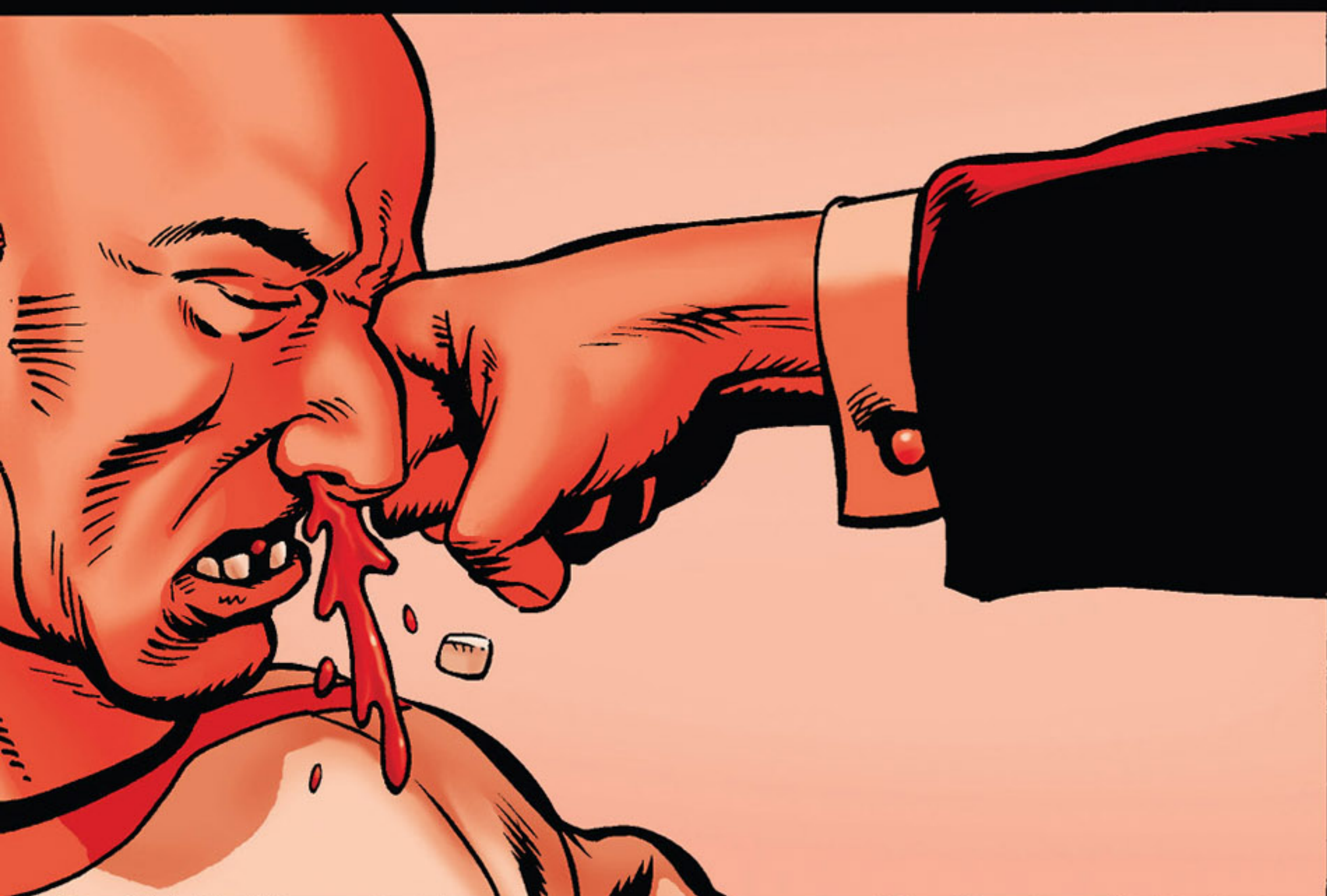
ARE YOU
TAKING THE
PISS, UNCLE
JACK?

HOW CAN YOU
BE A **SECRET
AGENT**? MY MUM
SAYS YOU'RE A
COMPUTER GUY
FOR THE **FRAUD
SQUAD** OR
SOMETHING.

THAT'S
JUST A COVER
STORY. I GOT HAND-
PICKED AT **SCHOOL**, FAST-
TRACKED THROUGH NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE AND NOW
OPERATE AS THE HIGHEST-
RANKING FIELD-OFFICER
STILL IN ACTIVE
SERVICE.









WHERE THE HELL DID YOU LEARN TO DO THAT?

LIKE I SAID, I GREW UP IN THIS AREA TOO. IT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE DRESS LIKE A CLOWN AND LIMIT MY VOCABULARY TO EIGHT SEXUAL EXPLETIVES.



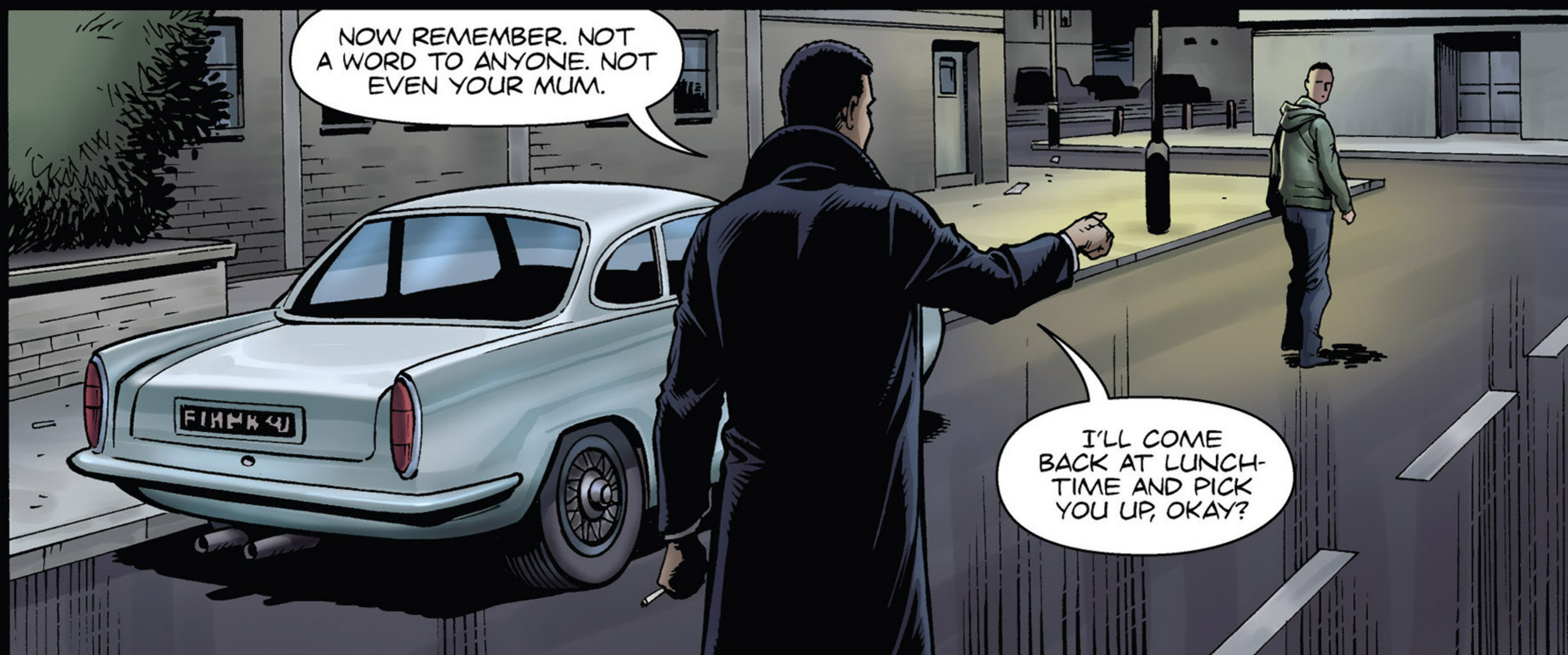
NOW I'M A BUSY MAN. THIS ISN'T AN OFFER I'M GOING TO REPEAT. I WANT YOUR BAGS PACKED BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON OR WE CAN STAY IN TOUCH VIA **CHRISTMAS CARDS** AGAIN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



WHY ARE YOU EVEN **DOING** THIS, MAN? YOU NEVER BOTHERED WITH US **BEFORE**.

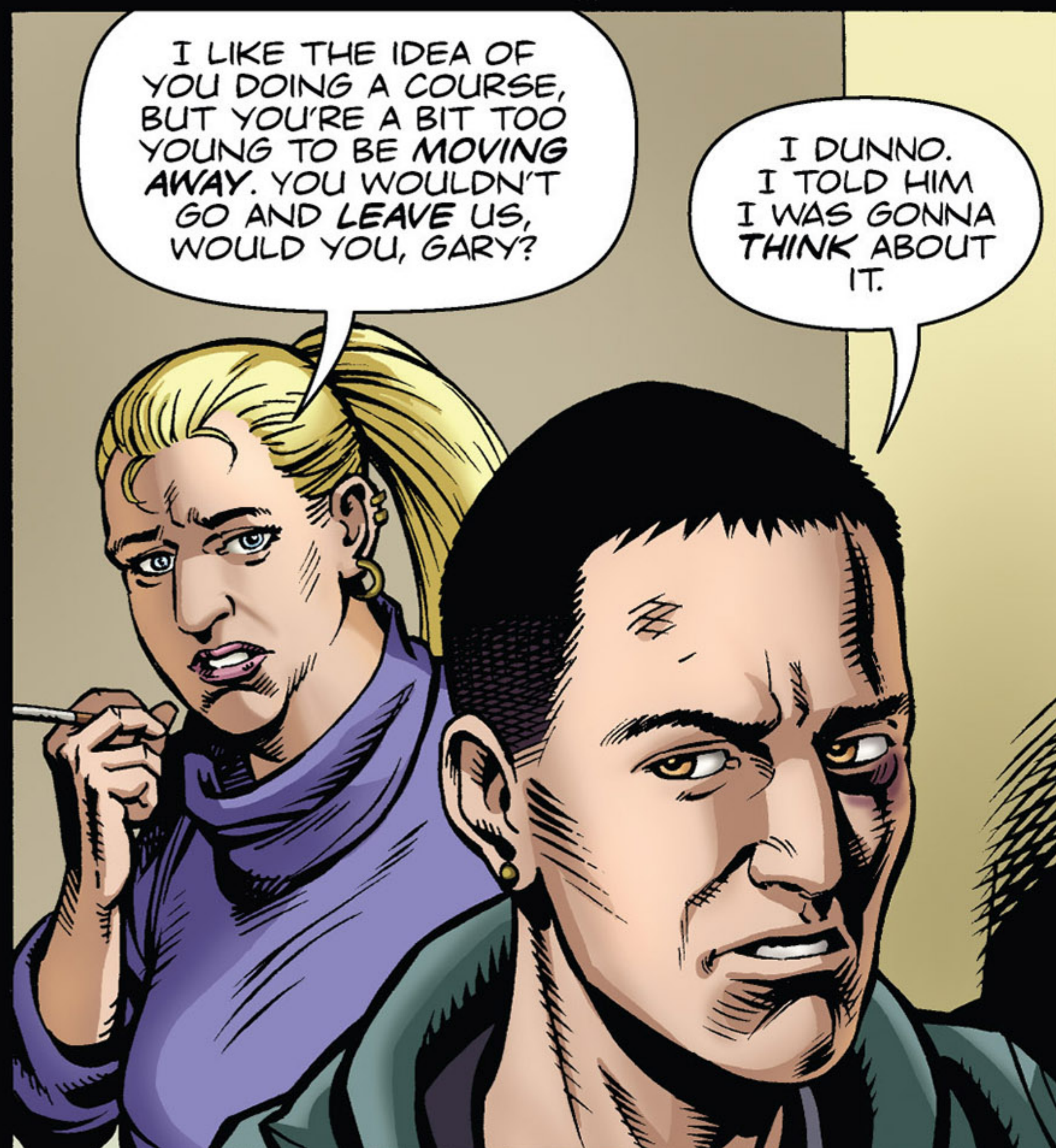
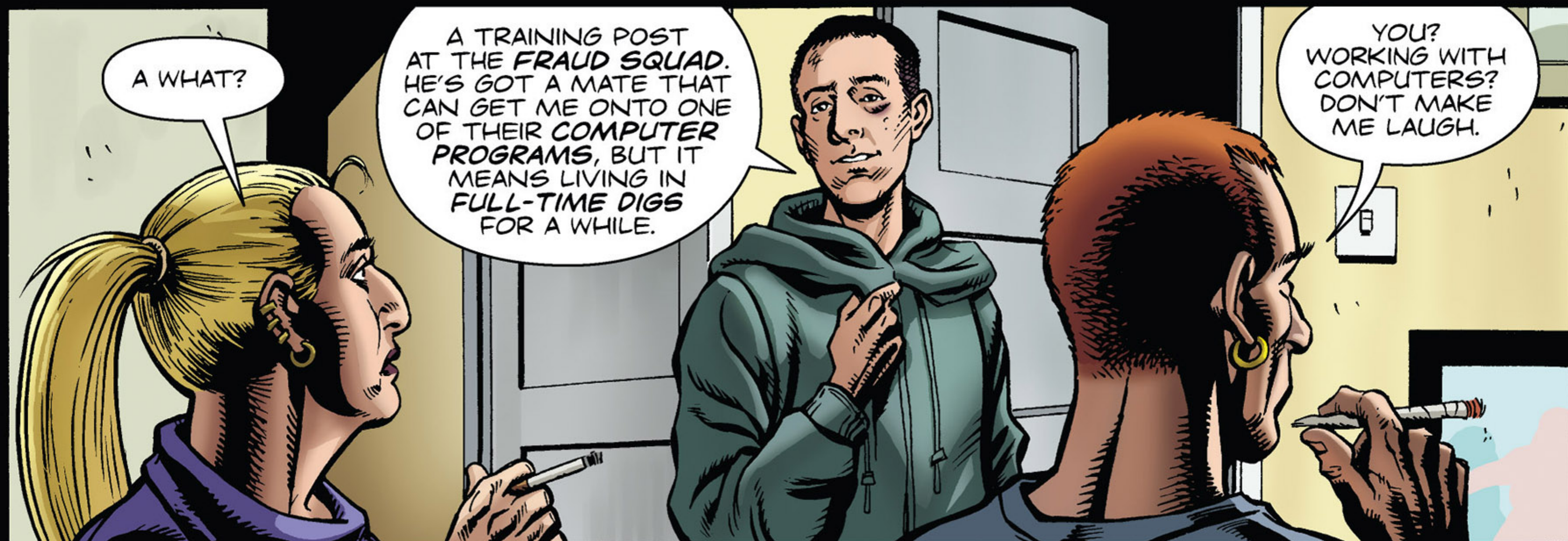
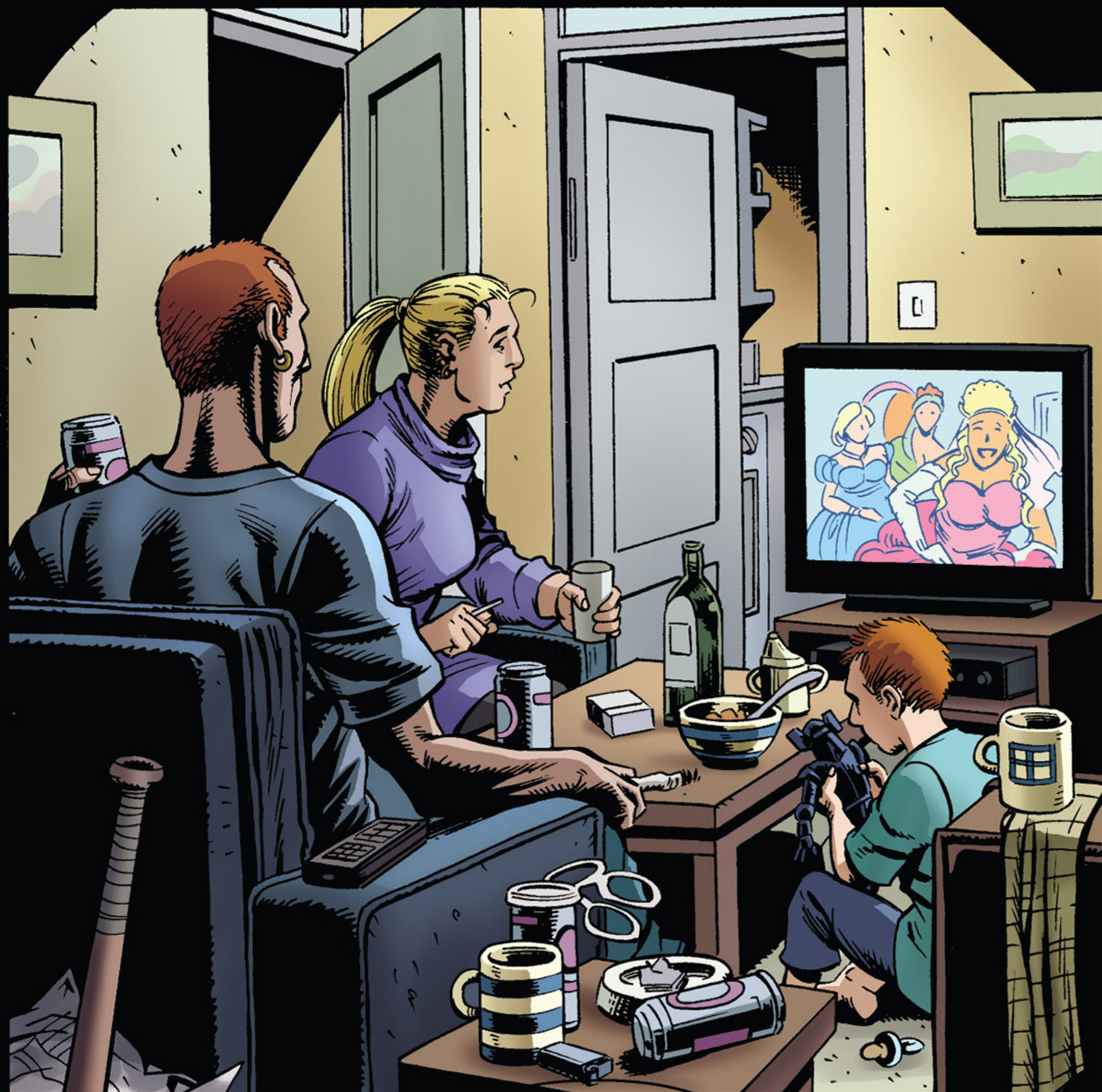


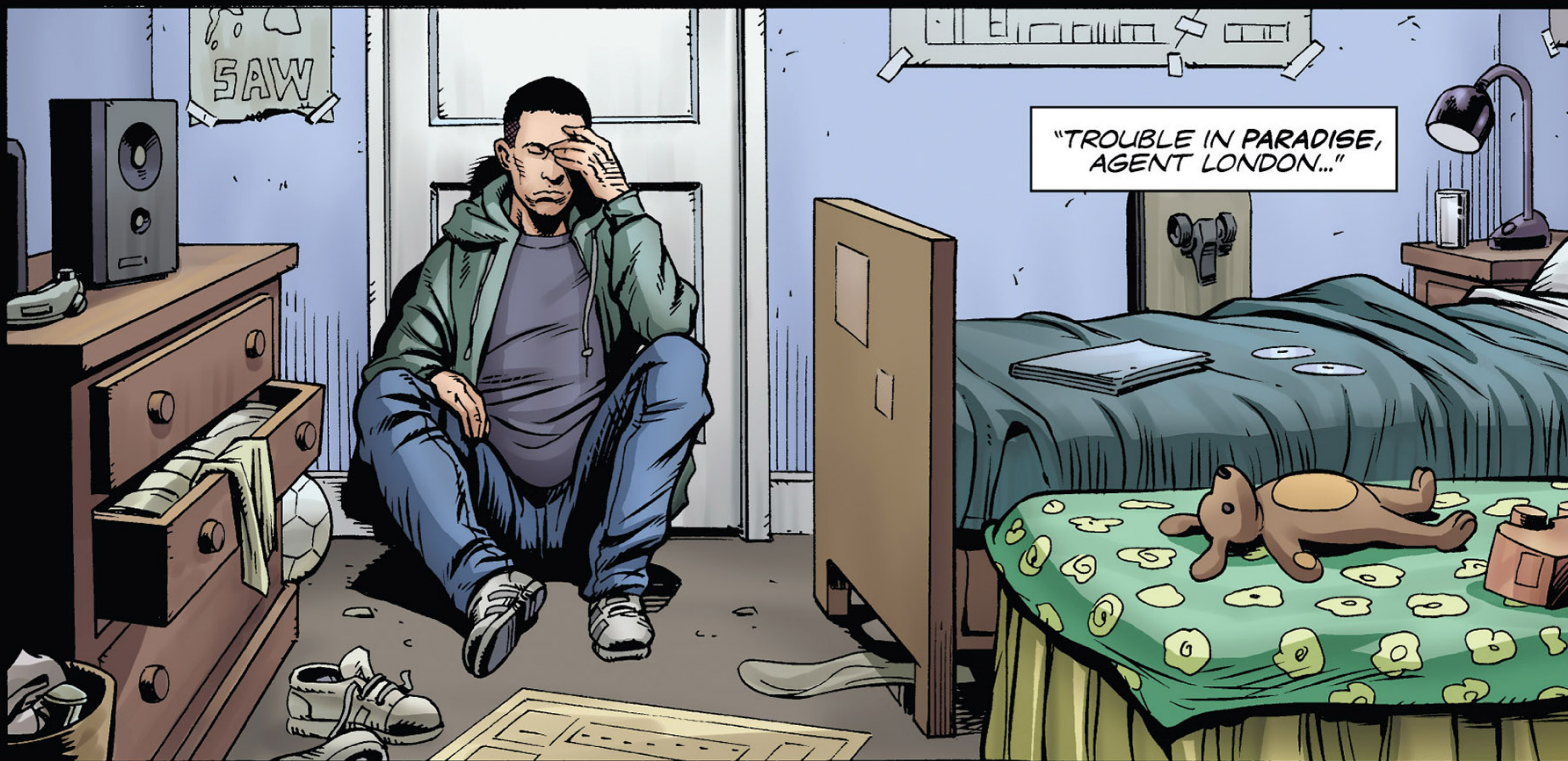
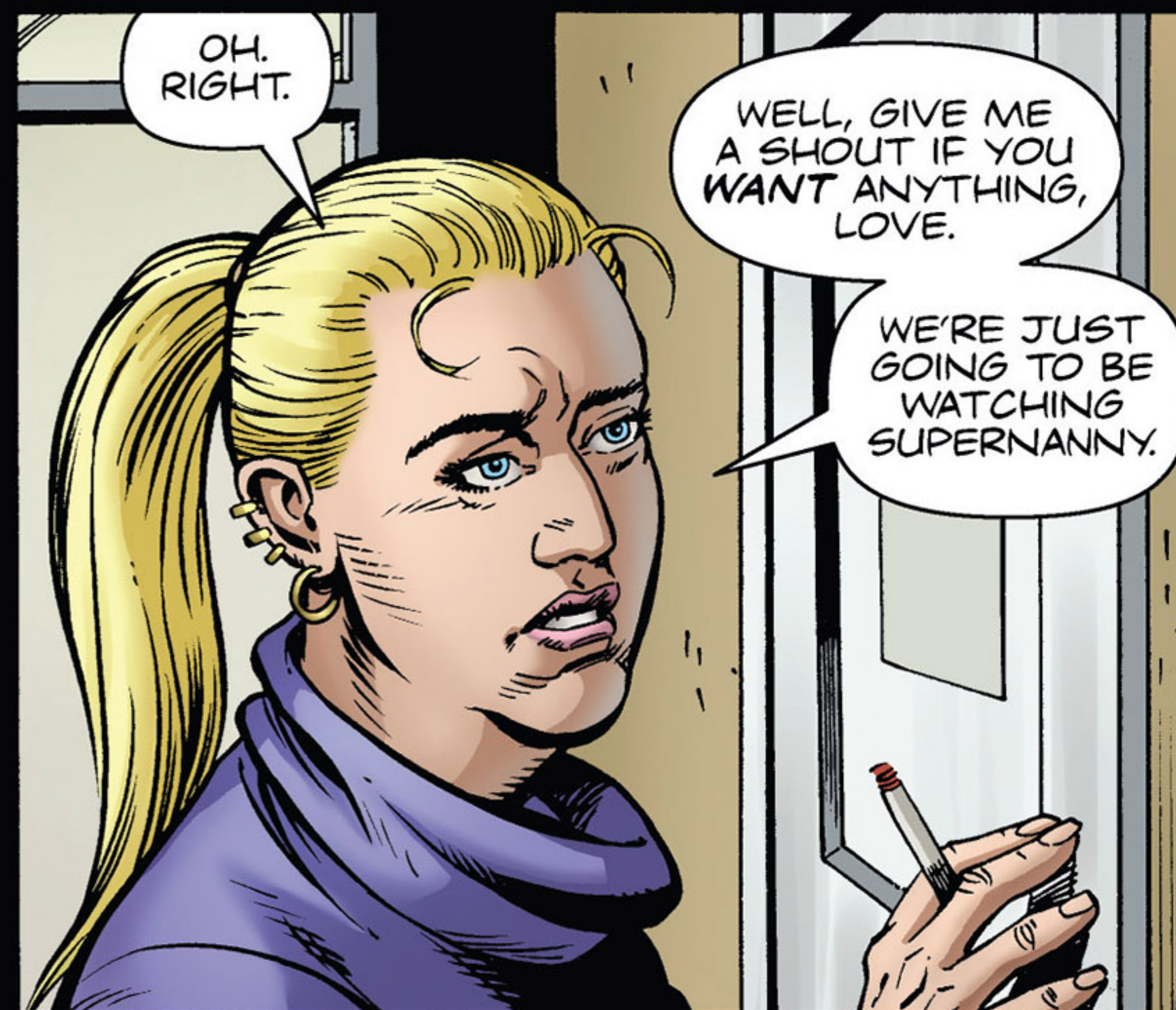
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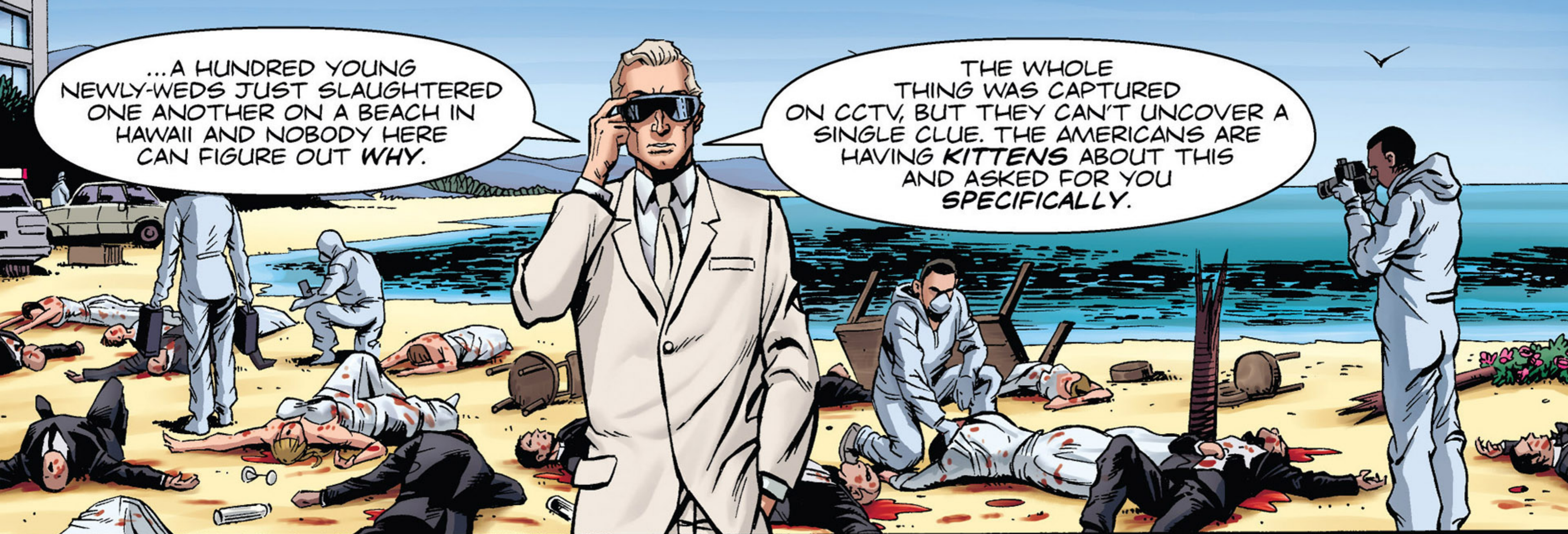


NOW REMEMBER. NOT A WORD TO ANYONE. NOT EVEN YOUR MUM.

I'LL COME BACK AT LUNCH-TIME AND PICK YOU UP, OKAY?







...A HUNDRED YOUNG NEWLY-WEDS JUST SLAUGHTERED ONE ANOTHER ON A BEACH IN HAWAII AND NOBODY HERE CAN FIGURE OUT WHY.

THE WHOLE THING WAS CAPTURED ON CCTV, BUT THEY CAN'T UNCOVER A SINGLE CLUE. THE AMERICANS ARE HAVING **KITTENS** ABOUT THIS AND ASKED FOR YOU SPECIFICALLY.



ANY PARTICULAR REASON?

THEIR INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTS A LINK TO THAT WAVE OF **CELEBRITY KIDNAPPINGS** YOU'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING.

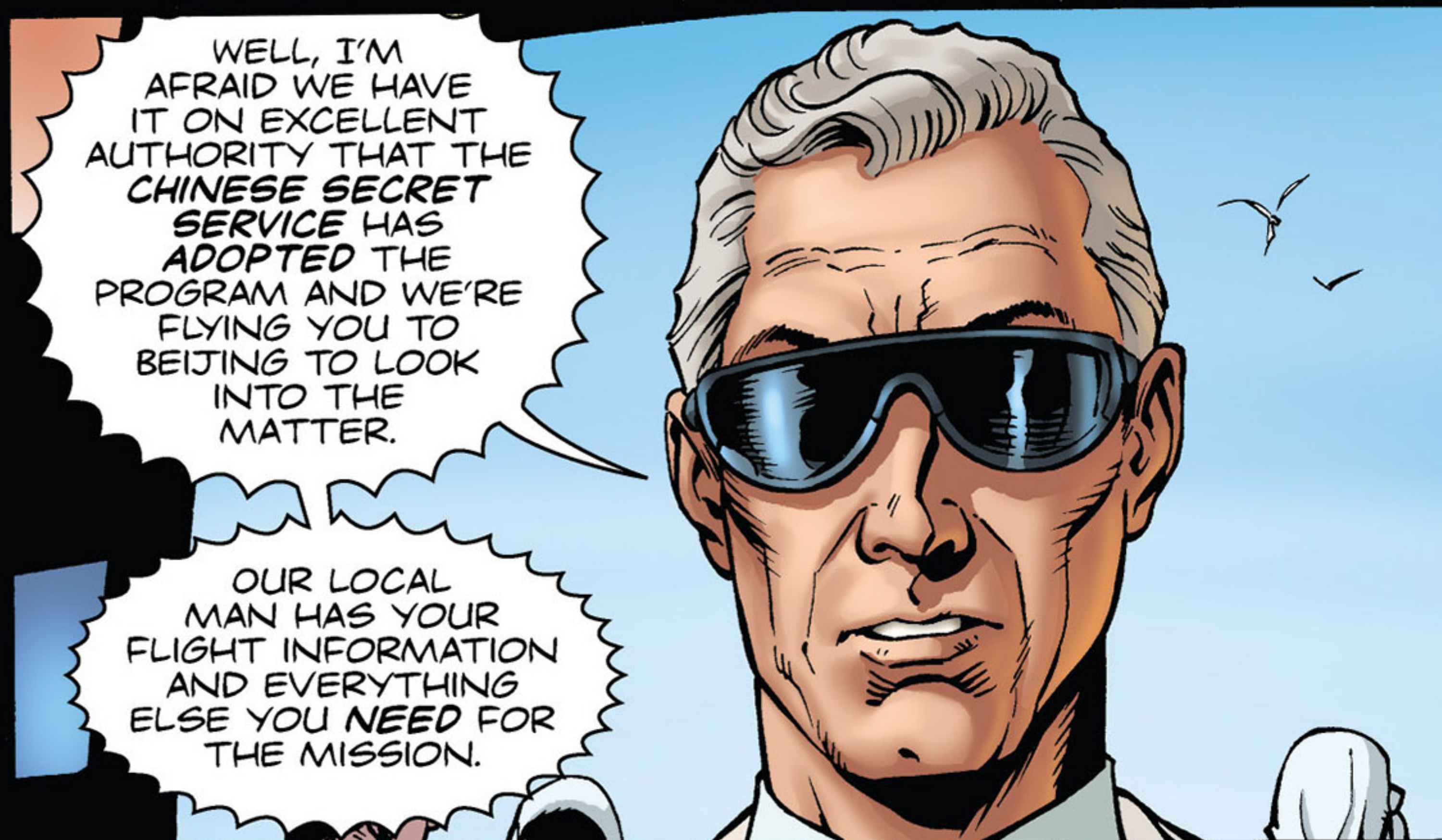
SPEAKING OF WHICH, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM **OPERATION STAR-KILLER?**



OF COURSE.

IT WAS AN OLD CIA PLAN MOOTED IN THE SIXTIES TO DESTROY ENEMY MORALE BY ASSASSINATING LITERALLY DOZENS OF THEIR NATIVE CELEBRITIES.

THE IDEA WAS TO HIT EVERYTHING FROM NOVELISTS TO SPORTSMEN AND WEAKEN PUBLIC SPIRIT IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO AN **INVASION**.



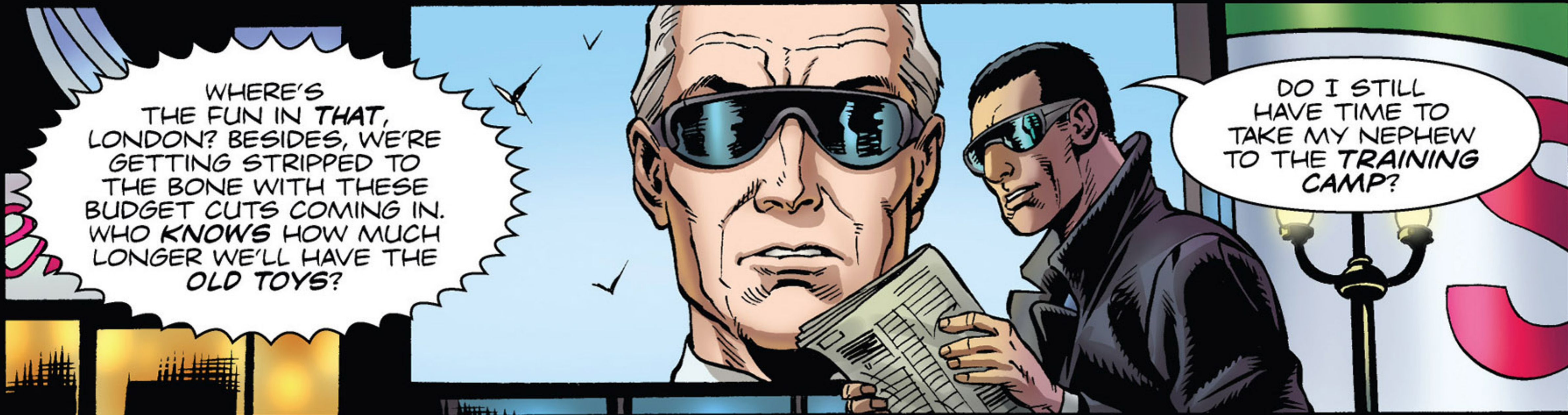
WELL, I'M AFRAID WE HAVE IT ON EXCELLENT AUTHORITY THAT THE **CHINESE SECRET SERVICE** HAS ADOPTED THE PROGRAM AND WE'RE FLYING YOU TO BEIJING TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

OUR LOCAL MAN HAS YOUR FLIGHT INFORMATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU **NEED** FOR THE MISSION.



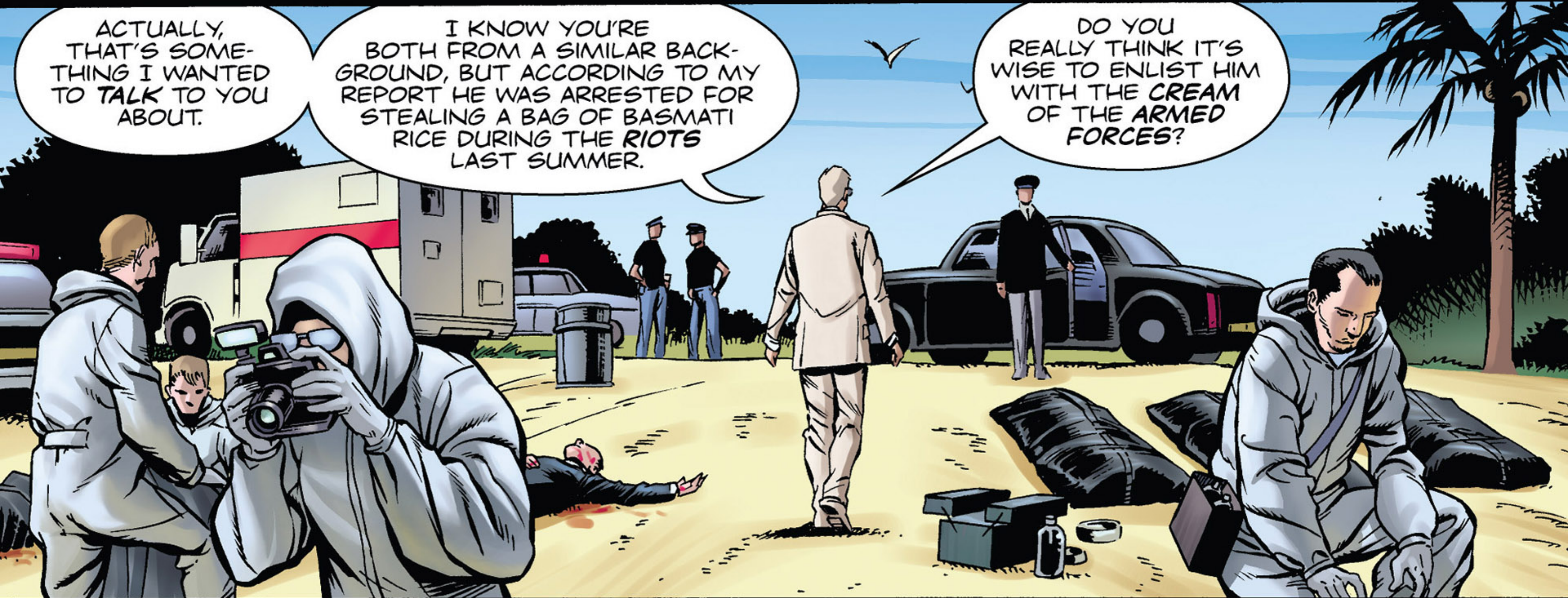
HONESTLY, SIR. YOU REALIZE YOU COULD HAVE JUST **EMAILED** ALL THIS?

EVENING STANDARD, GUV?



WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT, LONDON? BESIDES, WE'RE GETTING STRIPPED TO THE BONE WITH THESE BUDGET CUTS COMING IN. WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER WE'LL HAVE THE OLD TOYS?

DO I STILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE MY NEPHEW TO THE TRAINING CAMP?



ACTUALLY, THAT'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

I KNOW YOU'RE BOTH FROM A SIMILAR BACKGROUND, BUT ACCORDING TO MY REPORT HE WAS ARRESTED FOR STEALING A BAG OF BASMATI RICE DURING THE RIOTS LAST SUMMER.

DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S WISE TO ENLIST HIM WITH THE CREAM OF THE ARMED FORCES?



I'VE GOT AN EYE FOR TALENT AND SEE A LOT OF MYSELF IN THIS BOY, SIR.

IF YOU'D DO ME THE COURTESY OF GIVING HIM A CHANCE I REALLY THINK HE'LL SURPRISE EVERYONE.

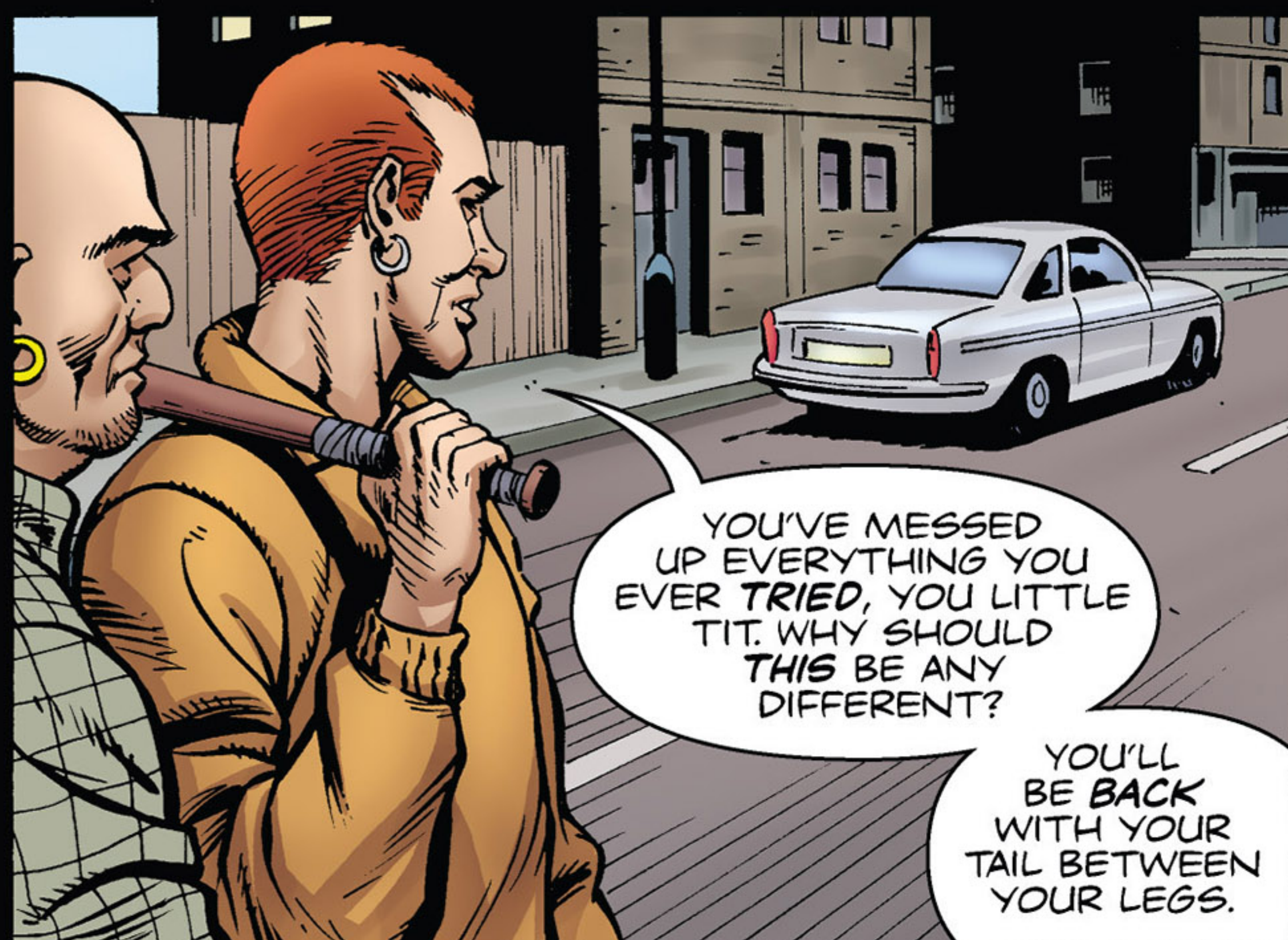
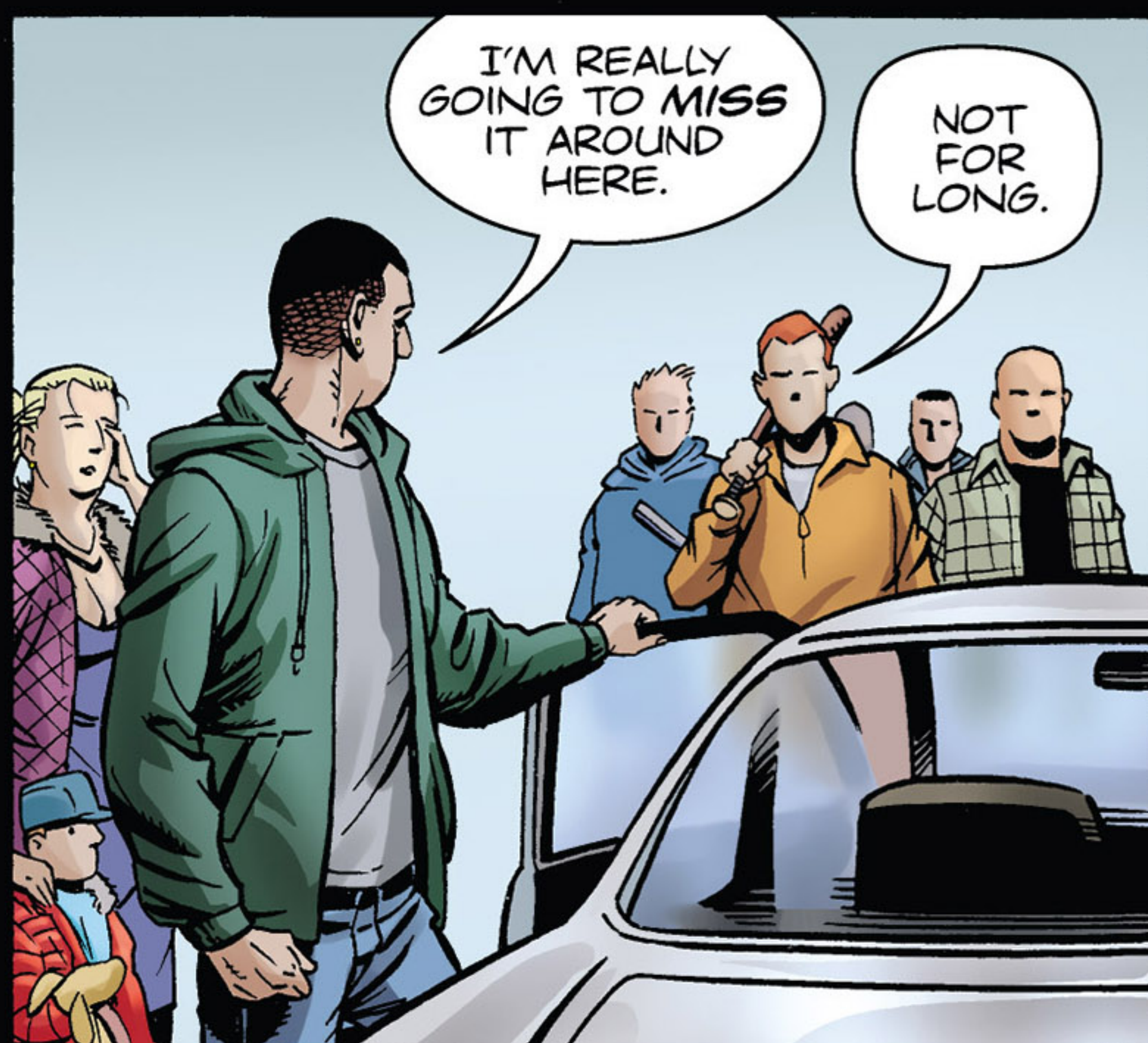
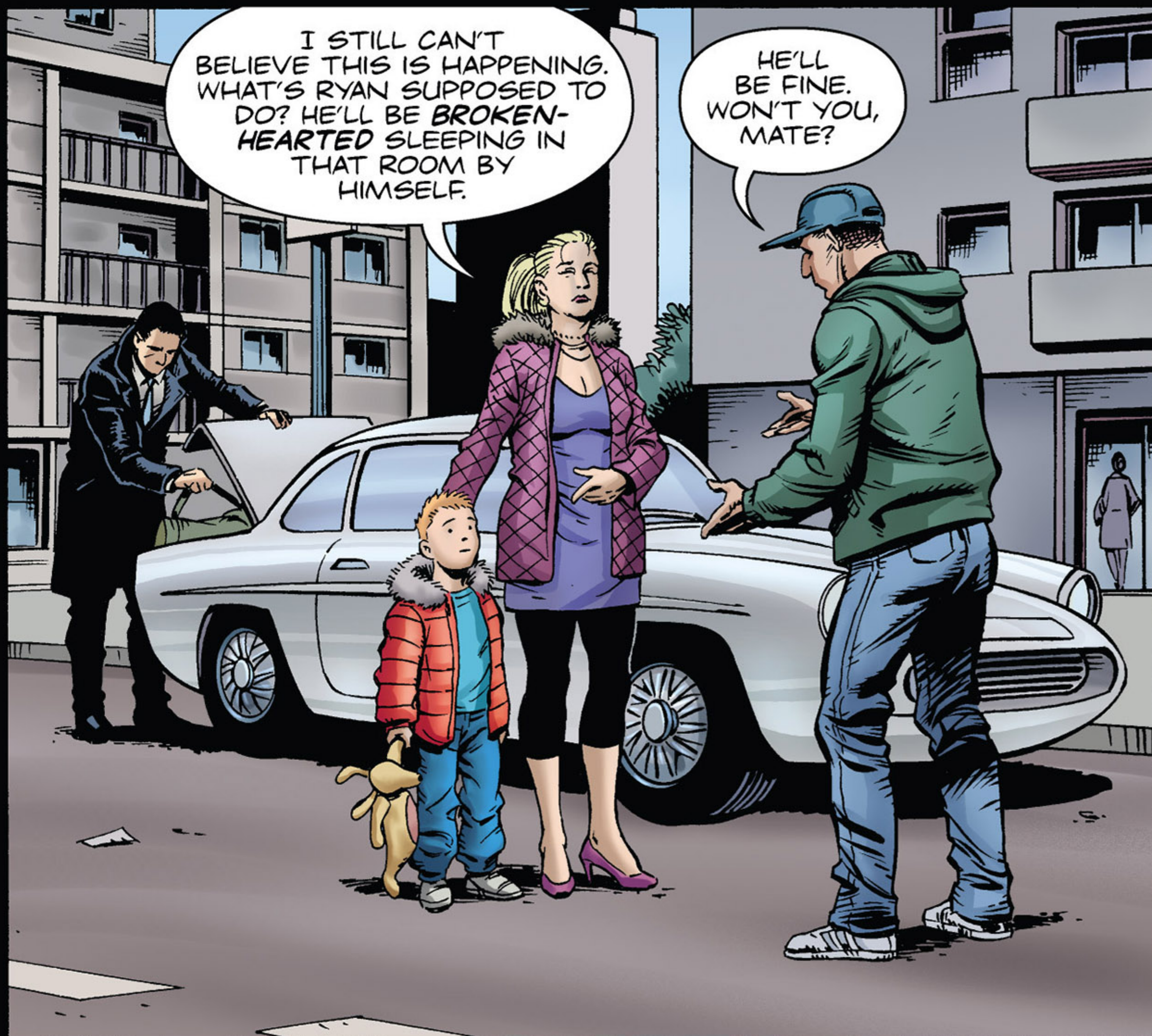


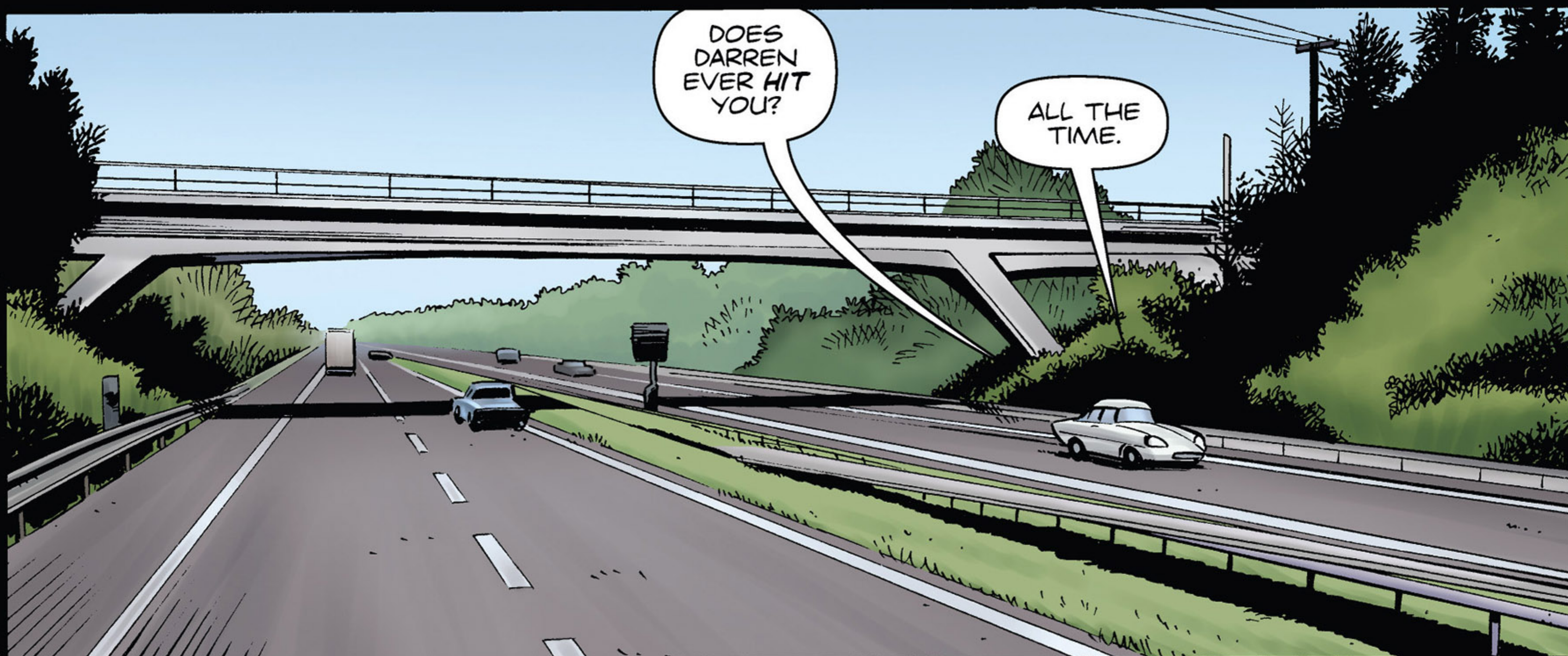
IT'S YOUR REPUTATION, LONDON. SPY FREQUENCY OFF.



LONDON OUT.











HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD US, MAN?

BECAUSE PEOPLE **SLEEP** A LITTLE BETTER WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING. IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD EVERY DAY OUT THERE AND OUR JOB TO STOP IT BEFORE ANYONE EVEN **REALIZES**.



A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, YOUNG MAN.

GARY, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET TRAINING OFFICER RUPERT GREAVES. HE'S GOING TO BE YOUR **DRILL-INSTRUCTOR** FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS SO YOU SHOULD PROBABLY START **KISSING UP** TO HIM A LITTLE.

I HOPE YOU REALIZE WE DON'T NORMALLY **ENTERTAIN** CANDIDATES WITHOUT A DOUBLE-FIRST AND MILITARY HONOURS, BUT YOU COME WITH YOUR UNCLE'S **HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION**.



UH, **CHEERS**. NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, MATE.

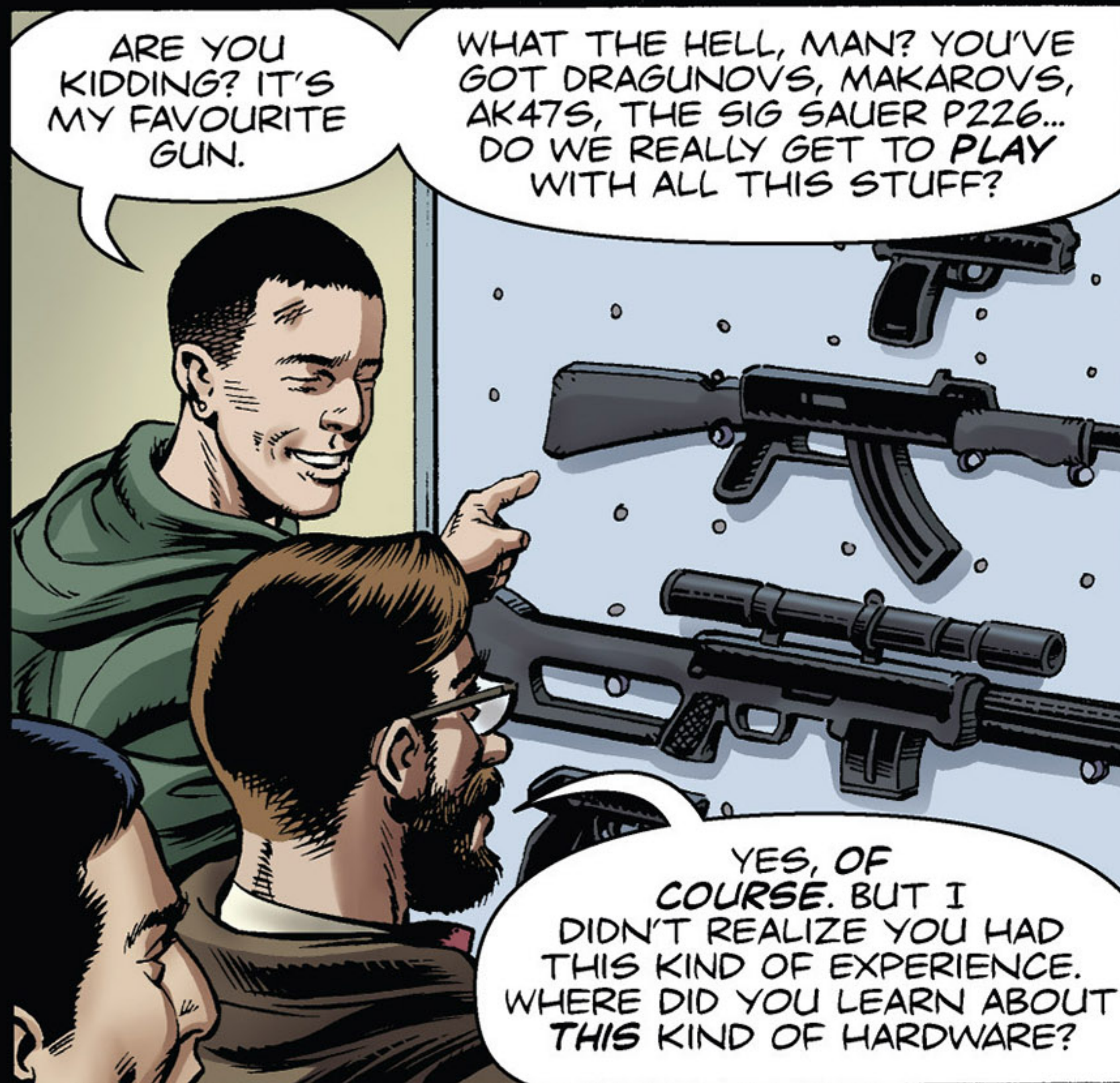
FORGIVE THE AUDIENCE, JACK, BUT YOU'RE SOMETHING OF A GOD TO THE NEW RECRUITS AND THEY JUST WANTED A LOOK.

NOT A PROBLEM.



FUCK! IS THAT A COLT CANADA SFW?

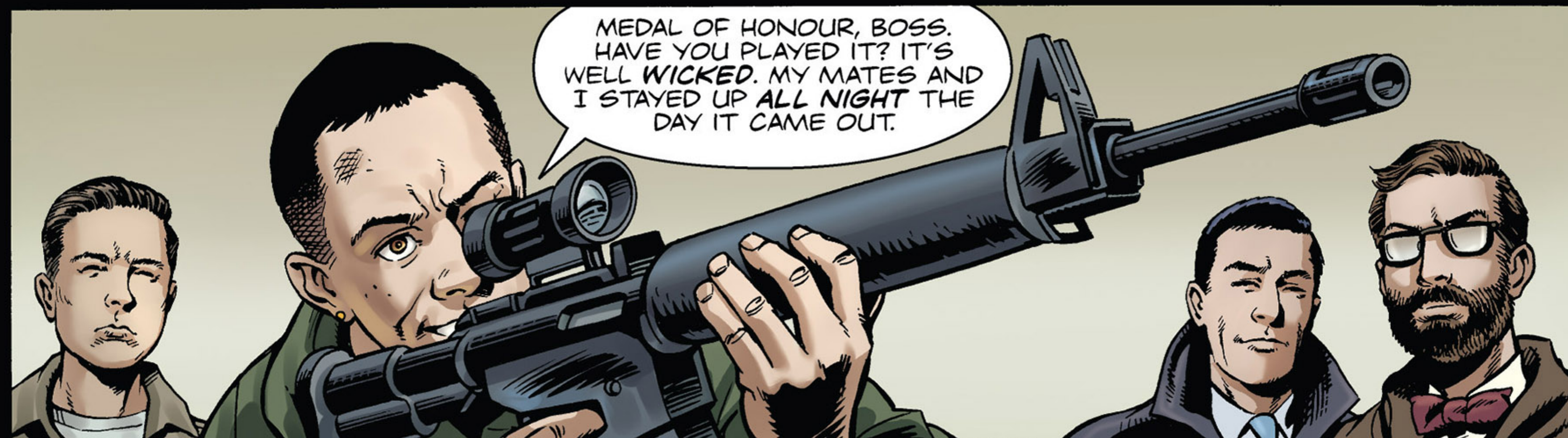
MM. TRICKED OUT M4S ARE **FAVOURITE** IN SPECIAL OPS. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE WEAPON?



ARE YOU KIDDING? IT'S MY FAVOURITE GUN.

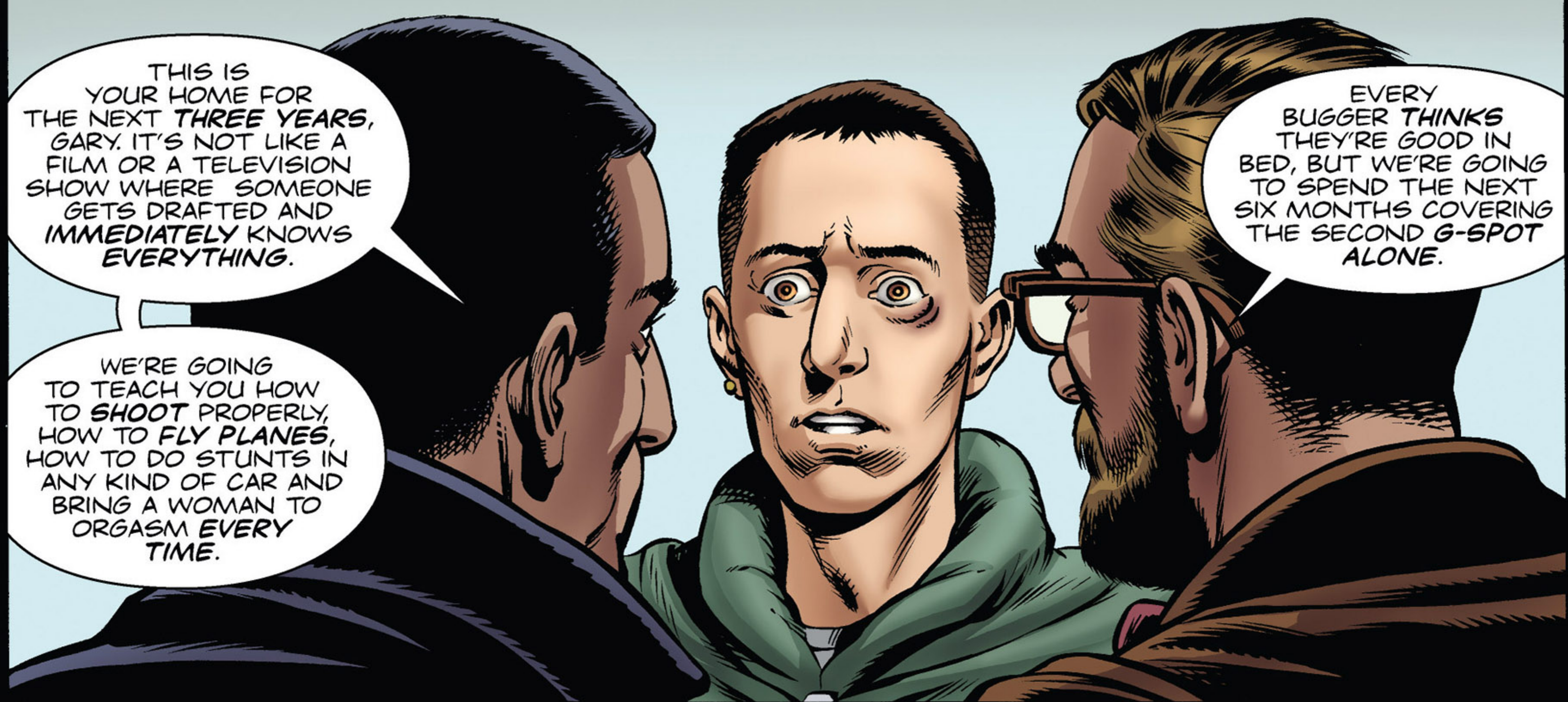
WHAT THE HELL, MAN? YOU'VE GOT DRAGUNOV'S, MAKAROV'S, AK47S, THE SIG SAUER P226... DO WE REALLY GET TO PLAY WITH ALL THIS STUFF?

YES, OF **COURSE**. BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD THIS KIND OF EXPERIENCE. WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT **THIS** KIND OF HARDWARE?



MEDAL OF HONOUR, BOSS. HAVE YOU PLAYED IT? IT'S WELL **WICKED**. MY MATES AND I STAYED UP **ALL NIGHT** THE DAY IT CAME OUT.





THIS IS YOUR HOME FOR THE NEXT **THREE YEARS**, GARY. IT'S NOT LIKE A FILM OR A TELEVISION SHOW WHERE SOMEONE GETS DRAFTED AND IMMEDIATELY KNOWS EVERYTHING.

WE'RE GOING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO **SHOOT PROPERLY**, HOW TO **FLY PLANES**, HOW TO DO STUNTS IN ANY KIND OF CAR AND BRING A WOMAN TO ORGASM EVERY TIME.

EVERY **BUGGER THINKS** THEY'RE GOOD IN BED, BUT WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE NEXT SIX MONTHS COVERING THE SECOND **G-SPOT** ALONE.



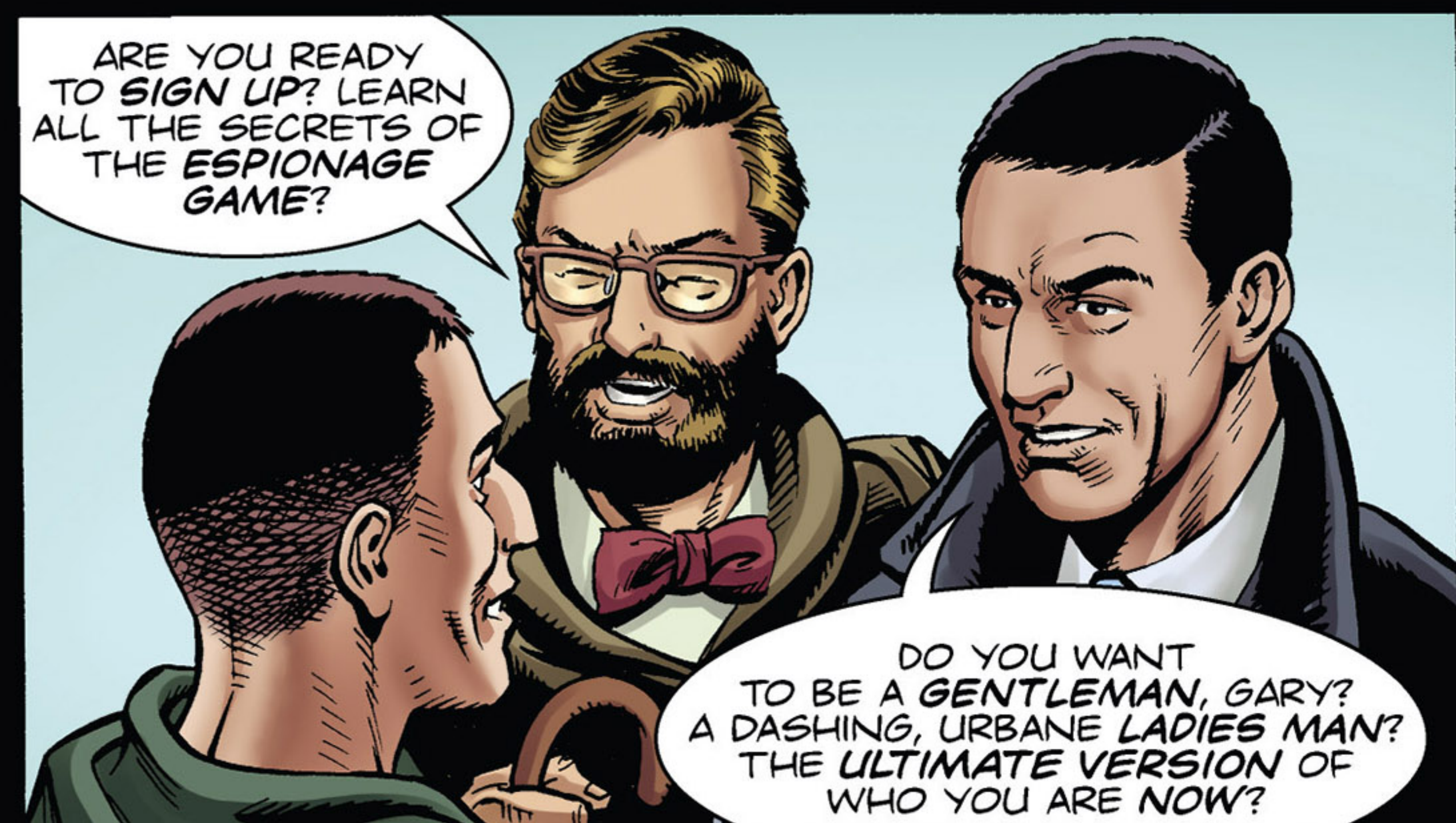
YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN MEDICINE, PHYSICS, BALLISTICS, LANGUAGES...

KUNG-FU, BOTANY, SWORD-FENCING, BOXING...



I HOPE YOU'RE AS GOOD AS JACK THINKS YOU ARE BECAUSE THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE **EASY**, SON.

IT'S **THIRTY-SIX MONTHS OF TOTAL AGONY**, BUT YOU'LL BE EVERYTHING YOU EVER DREAMED OF BY THE END OF IT.



ARE YOU READY TO **SIGN UP**? LEARN ALL THE SECRETS OF THE **ESPIONAGE GAME**?

DO YOU WANT TO BE A **GENTLEMAN**, GARY? A DASHING, URBANE **LADIES MAN**? THE **ULTIMATE VERSION** OF WHO YOU ARE NOW?



FUCK, YEAH. **TOTALLY. COUNT ME IN.**



EXCELLENT.

INSTRUCTION BEGINS AT FIVE A.M.

COVENT GARDEN,
LONDON

ANY SPARE
CHANGE?

'SCUSE ME,
MISS. COULD YOU
GIVE US A QUID?
I'M JUST TRYING
TO GET MY
BUS-FARE
HOME.

THEN GO
AND GET A JOB,
YOU LAZY
LITTLE GIT.

BLOODY HELL. WHAT'S
ALL *THIS*? I THOUGHT YOU
SAID YOU WERE GONNA TRAIN
ME UP TO BE JASON BOURNE
OR SOMETHING. I BET NONE
OF THE OTHERS ARE OUT
HERE BEGGING
FOR CASH!

ACTUALLY, GENTLE
PERSUASION SKILLS ARE
THE MOST USEFUL THING
YOU'LL EVER LEARN IN THIS
GAME, GARY. WE'RE TESTING
YOUR ABILITY TO ADAPT
IN A HOSTILE URBAN
ENVIRONMENT.

YOUR MISSION
THIS WEEK IS TO BEG
ONE THOUSAND POUNDS
FROM BUSY LONDON
COMMUTERS. NEXT WEEK
WE'RE MOVING ONTO
STREET ENTERTAIN-
MENT AND YOU'RE
GOING TO LEARN
HOW TO MIME.

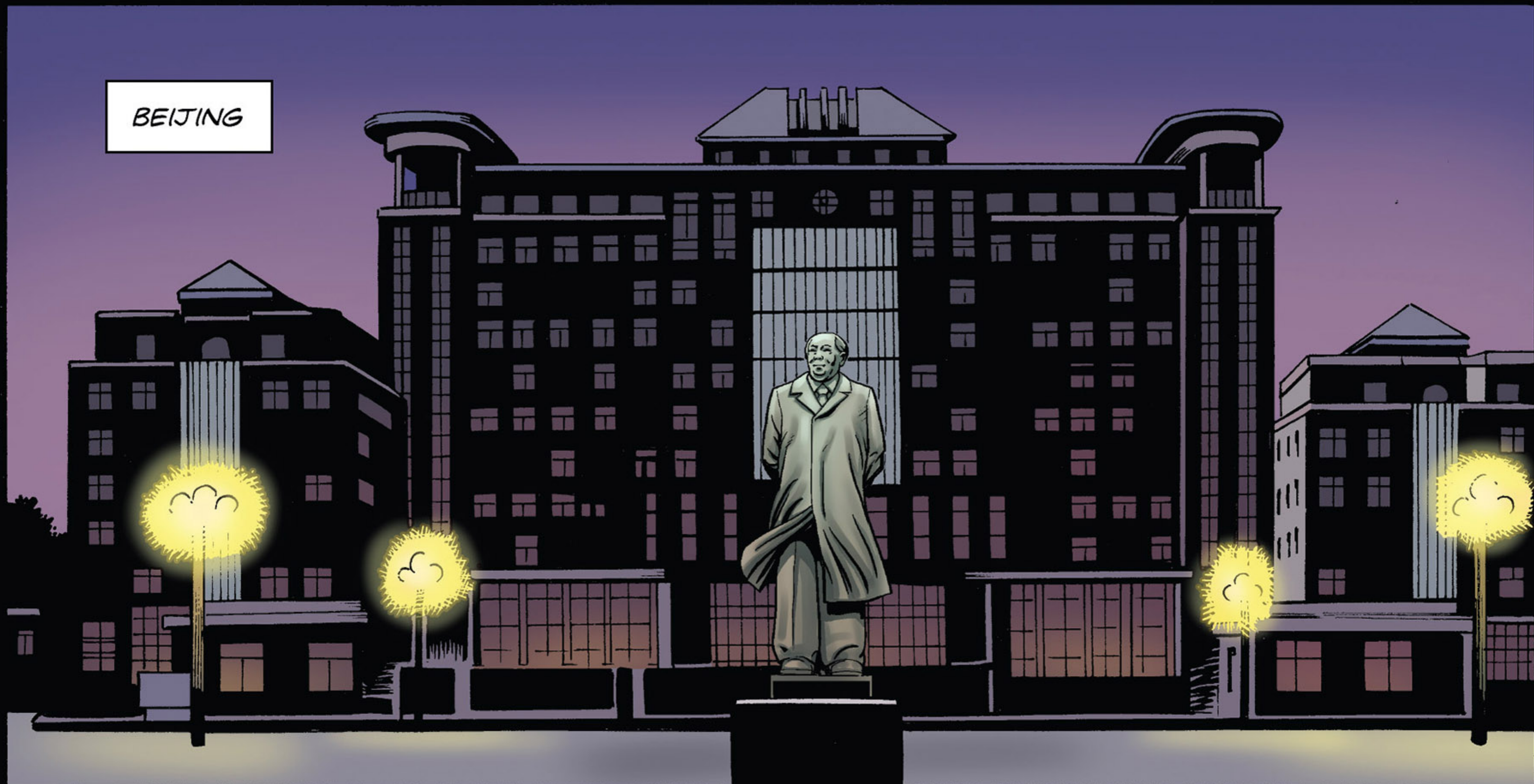
ARE YOU
TAKING THE
PISS? I DIDN'T
SIGN UP TO
BE A FLIPPIN'
JUGGLER.

WHERE'S
MY BLOODY
UNCLE?
WE NEED TO
TALK ABOUT
THIS.

SORRY,
GARY. THAT'S
CLASSIFIED.



"LET'S JUST SAY
HE'S BUSY DOING
SPY-STUFF."



BEIJING



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JUST GIVE
ME TWO MORE
SECONDS.

TO BE CONTINUED